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# Woman killed after car slams into pole

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A 21-year-old woman was killed when a car she was driving along Dandan Road reportedly skidded sideways, ran off the road, and slammed into a power pole near the Family Discount Market in Dandan early yesterday morning.

The impact of the car, a four-door beige Hyundai Accent, hitting the power pole was so strong that it caused a power outage in the area.

The victim, Jessa Quila, was pronounced dead by Dr. Nick Villalon at the Commonwealth Health Center at 4:57am, according to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

DFEMS spokesperson Derek Gersonde said that

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Photo shows the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power pole near the New Family Discount Market along Dandan Road, where a car slammed into it, killing a 21-year-old woman who was the driver of the car early yesterday morning. The impact caused a power outage in the area. Seen in the photo are tools used by Docomo Pacific crew in fixing their power supply box and meter base at the pole that were damaged in the accident.

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# Cape Air operates final flight

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The airline that services Rota from Guam and Saipan officially stopped its services to the CNMI yesterday.

Cape Air ran its final flight to Saipan-Guam, Rota-Guam, and Rota-Saipan yesterday after 50 years of service.

According to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion, it was a sad day for the CNMI and Micronesia's airline industry but he is still thankful for Cape Air's service.

"We are sad to see Cape Air leave the CNMI at a time when

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# PH nationals exempted from FAM transit laws

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The Foreign Affairs Manual states that all CNMI-Only Transitional Workers visa holders are not permitted to transit in any part of the United States, with the exemption of Philippine nationals.

Due to recent events leading to massive cuts to the CW visa program, a large number of immigrant workers may be required to exit the CNMI.

Since U.S. immigration laws were extended to the CNMI back in 2005, immigrant workers were slapped with a stricter set of rules and

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# Another robbery in Garapan

Car-riding robbers grabbed a bag from a woman who was walking with her boyfriend in Garapan Wednesday night.

The suspects got away with the victim's bag that contained $200 in cash, two passports, two Chinese identification cards, and one credit card, according to the Department of Public Safety yesterday.

The victim, a 26-year-old Chinese national, was not injured.

DPS spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said that police received a call about a robbery in front of the Island Hotel in Garapan at 8:48pm.

Shepard said that, according to the victim, she and her boyfriend were walking back to their hotel room from I Love Saipan on Beach Road when the incident happened.

The victim's bag was on her left arm, when a black se-

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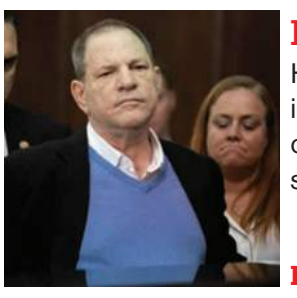

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# Local

## Committee to hold hearing on pot bill

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A House committee has announced its intent to conduct a public hearing on the marijuana legalization bill next week.

Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), who chairs the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, announced days after adopting Sen. Sixto Igisomar's (R-Saipan) Senate Bill 20-62 that his committee would hold a public hearing the next Tuesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Building in Susupe.

Blanco's committee had voted to adopt S.B. 20-62 to allow for House action. Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* in a previous interview on a separate topic said the House is tentatively scheduled to meet some time next week.

Rep. Frank Aguon (R-Saipan), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Jose Itibus (R-Saipan), and Blanco voted for S.B. 20-62's adoption. Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) attended the meeting as a non-voting member, while the Senate legal counsel as well as Igisomar was present during the committee meeting discussions prior its adoption.

The meeting was also dissolved into a whole to allow for technical amendments to the bill that were discussed between both the House and Senate legal counsel, Blanco said in a previous interview.

JGO conducted a prior public hearing last Tuesday at the House chamber on Capital Hill.

"To accommodate those who did not get a chance to provide comments on the bill to regulate cannabis in the CNMI, the Committee on JGO invites and welcomes your input. Please join us," said Blanco in a social media posting.

He said in the same post that the official announcement for the public hearing would be "issued shortly" and that the public hearing would be held on June 5, 5:30pm at the Multi-Purpose building in Susupe.

Those wishing to email their comments may address it to rep.blanco@cnmileg.gov.mp and hand-deliver written letters to his office on Capital Hill.


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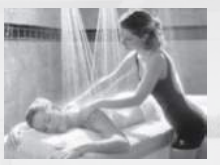

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# 133 Ayuyus complete high school

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The slight drizzle failed to dampen the spirits of the members of Kagman High School's 2018 graduating class, where 133 Ayuyus received their diplomas as proof of completing their high school journey.

Class valedictorian Mannelyn Aida Sotto Cabrera was also the CNMI State Board of Education awardee, while salutatorian Frances Rosemarie Galicia Santos was honored by the CNMI State Public School System Commissioners award.

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**MANNELYN AIDA SOTTO CABRERA**
*Valedictorian*

**FRANCES ROSEMARIE GALICIA SANTOS**
*Salutatorian*

Kagman High School's Top 10 senior class pose with officials of the CNMI State Board of Education and Public School System n yesterday's commencement exercises at the American Memorial Park amphitheater.

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# 3 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged three Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites PauPau Beach, San Roque School Beach, and DPW Channel Bridge.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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guidelines that touched base on benefits and restrictions that comes with an immigrant worker status. One of the restrictions was transiting on U.S. soil.

According to 9 FAM 402.18-3(E), CW Classification Valid Only for Travel to/use in the CNMI, a CW-1 visa is valid only for travel to the CNMI and the holder is not authorized to travel or transit on U.S. ground, with the exception of Filipino CW-1 visa holders

"CW visa is valid only for travel to the CNMI. An alien with CW status or traveling on a CW visa may neither travel to nor transit any other part of the United States… An alien who is a national of the Philippines traveling on a CW visa may travel from the Philippines through the Guam airport in direct transit to the CNMI on a direct itinerary with a stopover or connection in Guam (and no other place) lasting no longer than eight hours," it said.

The manual states that any other nationality, if not Filipino, cannot transit through Guam (or any U.S. territory) on a CW-1 visa and Filipino CW-1 holders may only remain on Guam no more than eight hours.

Because Filipino CW holders are restricted to an eight-hour transit period, they are encouraged to consider other routes when going back to the Philippines in the event that they are required to go home.

Other options Philippine national CW-1 holders can look into are booking their flights home with Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, or Hong Kong Express. That way, they won't have to go through Guam where they cannot stay in transit for eight hours.

These alternate airlines could cost a bit more, depending on the season and amount of stopovers, than United Airlines but it would ensure that Filipino CW-1 visa holders do not face any federal altercations and do not breach U.S. immigration guidelines.

## WOMAN

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Quila had been trapped inside the car and that DFEMS rescue personnel had to extricate her from the wrecked vehicle.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said that speed and weather conditions were contributing factors and that no alcohol was detected at the time of the accident.

Shepard said traffic investigators said the road was wet at the time.

Gersonde said DFEMS received a call from DPS 911 about an accident near the Family Discount Market at 4:10am.

Upon arriving at the scene at 4:21am, DFEMS personnel came upon a sedan with a woman, later identified as Quila, trapped inside.

DFEMS rescue team extricated Quila and emergency medical technicians used a cervical collar and spine board to prevent any further injuries before transporting her to CHC's emergency room. While en route to the hospital, Quila was found not breathing and had no pulse.

Emergency medical technicians performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on Quila on their way to CHC. Upon arriving at CHC's emergency room, emergency medical technicians continued CPR until Villalon pronounced the victim dead.

According police officers at the scene, the car was heading west when it went off the road and slammed into the power pole.

Shepard said the vehicle was traveling south when it lost control at the slight curve after Dandan Middle School.

Shepard said this caused the vehicle to skid sideways for approximately 70 feet before slamming into the power pole. It was the driver's side of the vehicle that hit the pole.

"The cause of the accident is still under investigation," she said.

Last Sunday morning, a speeding pickup truck driven by a male teenager who was allegedly intoxicated struck and killed a heavily drunk male pedestrian along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in front of the Commonwealth Health Center in Garapan. The pedestrian sustained multiple injuries. No other descriptions were given about the victim.

The driver, 18-year-old Alvin Limes Pua, and his female passenger, were treated at CHC for injuries. Pua was later arrested after being found with alcohol in his blood over the legal limit. He was also allegedly found speeding and unlicensed at the time of the crash.

Last April 1, a 38-year-old man was struck and killed during a hit-and-run incident involving a sports utility vehicle at the intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold Road and As Mahetog near the Saipan Ice and Water Co.

The victim, a local Chinese, sustained several injuries and was pronounced dead by an attending physician at CHC.

David Desebel Kapileo, 50, the alleged driver of the SUV, was located and arrested last Friday on charges of homicide by vehicle, violating the speed limit, reckless driving, and driving while under the influence of alcohol. He is still in detention after failing to post $100,000 cash bail.

In June 2017, a 19-year-old Korean female was killed when a vehicle she was driving slammed into a traffic light pole and resulted in fire at the corner of Monsignor Guerrero Road and Tun Antonio Apa Road near the Northern Marianas College in As Terlaje.

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dan traveling east pulled up on her left side. Someone inside the car grabbed the victim's bag while the car was still traveling.

The victim and her boyfriend chased the car on foot until they reached a rental car lot located near the Island Hotel. The two got into their car and tried to locate the suspects' car.

The two lost sight of the suspects' vehicle when it made a right turn on Filooris Avenue. The victims returned to the rental car lot and called the police.

"Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact DPS at 664-9001," Shepard said.

Last May 21, a 42-year-old Asian woman was reportedly robbed of her purse containing cash and passport by an unidentified man at Beer and Chicken Restaurant in Garapan.

The suspect ran into a sedan and sped off. The victim was able to jot down the car's license plate. As of yesterday, the suspect has yet to be arrested. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

## CAPE

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their multiple daily flights between the CNMI and Guam are badly needed…We thank them for their many years of service to Rota and Saipan. We are hopeful they are able to return in the future," he said.

Although it was sad to witness Cape Air operate its last flight, Concepcion said the CNMI is still fortunate to welcome United Airlines' jet service to Saipan.

"We extend our warm welcome to United Airlines as they resume jet service between Saipan and Guam on June 1. United has not had mainline service to Saipan in many years so this is an important milestone in our relations with them," he said.

A United Airlines statement in a previous *Saipan Tribune* article said that the new Saipan-Guam routes would depart Guam at 7am and arrive on Saipan at 7:45am and depart Saipan at 8:45am and arrive in Guam at 9:30am. That's will be the only once-daily service between the two routes.

"If there are opportunities to increase frequency to more than one daily flight, we are eager to work with them on that. The future of the airline industry looks bright for the CNMI as we see new players emerging on the scene now," said Concepcion.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) was able to take the final flight out from Saipan to Rota yesterday. She described the experience as extremely emotional and sentimental.

"Cape Air's last flight today was a sentimental and emotional flight as it was accorded with water salute by both Saipan and Rota CPA, airport and Cape Air employees, [Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services], and residents of Rota waving their hands as they watched Cape Air go airborne on its last flight to Guam," she said.

On behalf of the people and leaders of Rota, Santos said she wanted to express her gratitude and appreciation to Cape Air/United Express for providing essential air service and community support to the CNMI, most especially to the people and island of Rota.

"For over a period of 14 years of essential air service, Cape Air/United Express has increased its air passenger flights and has consistently supported the CNMI with air transportation service," she said.

According to Santos, Cape Air/United Express has also been recognized for outstanding philanthropy in the community it serves.

"Cape Air/United Express has contributed to Rota *man'amko* events, participated on annual Christmas lighting at the Benjamin T. Manglona International Airport, book drive for Sinapalo Elementary and Grace Christian Academy, provided cargo space for Rota annual fiestas, to name a few," she said.

Santos hopes that United Airlines reconsiders the CNMI's appeal so Cape Air would continue to serve the CNMI by providing air passenger service to its people, patients, and visitors alike.

"The discontinuance of Cape Air's essential air service to Rota will be devastating to our economic opportunities, including loss of jobs for those who are currently working for Cape Air and other affected stakeholders. In addition, it would cost a fortune for Rota passengers to travel to Guam when there is no direct air passenger service from Rota to Guam and return," she said.

## AYUYUS

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In her valedictory address, Cabrera told her classmates that they still have a long way to go to achieve their dreams. "To my class, I am proud of each and every one of you. We finally did it. But don't get your hopes up, we're just done with high school. We [still] had a long way to go. We survived, I mean barely, at least we did. We are through with the stressful days, for now."

"There is also one thing that I can guarantee, we are the most attractive class," added Cabrera, which drew cheers and applause from her classmates and the entire crowd that witnessed the commencement exercises at the American Memorial Park amphitheater. She said that the four years of their high school life are a worthy part of their learning experience as they continue their journey. "Don't let fear, doubt, and negative thoughts enter your mind. I need you all to realize that failure is not in your DNA."

"I'm standing here, giving my speech, not because I'm smart. It's because I studied smart. I worked hard for what I want to accomplish. I put time and effort into my work. There's no magic in being successful, I promise you that you would never meet a successful person that did not work hard."

Santos told her classmates to get out of their comfort zone. "What I'm really thankful [for] is not what I've learned with my academics. It is life lessons, which is to get out of my comfort zone. Try something new. Something challenging."

"I was always in my comfort zone, doing the same routine every day. I was always a shy girl, staying with the same circle of friends. …I barely took risks."

It was in her junior year that she tried something new when she was nominated to be an officer of one of KHS' campus clubs. "I did not regret a single thing because I gained responsibility and flexibility."

"This is why, I've decided to further my education in the mainland. Far away from home, friends and family, the red rice and barbecue with coco. Far from everything I love. Everything will be different but I'm up for the challenge."

KHS vice principal Ben Jones Jr., who was the keynote speaker, advised his students to work on their own timeline, like what he did after graduating at the top of the 2004 high school class.

"Everyone has their time limit, their own timeline, their own clock. Don't let anyone rush you. Go at your own pace. I graduated at the top of my class [but] I was confused on what I wanted to do. I changed my major five times and it cost me a little longer in college. I majored in [physical education] while my classmates took engineering, medicine, law, and business. You should have seen how I felt." Despite all that transpired, which included becoming a father after graduation, he remained true to his plans and followed his own clock. "I followed my clock, my time, and my way."

"Yes, I was behind my friends and peers. But it allowed me to spend more time with my parents and family. It allowed me to work on Saipan and save money in the first three years of college instead of paying rent in an off-island college or university."

Gedin Auria Avinon Cabrera, Edson Lui Fugaban Valdisimo, Dionessis Jone Fugaban Valdisimo, Francine Brianna Tabang Rago, Ella Mae Lenon Eusebio, Patrick Jerome Wanphen Santos Jr., Aaron Luis Aweltiip Ogumoro, and Alyssa Rae Cabrera Cepeda joined Santos and Cabrera in the Top 10.

Enrique Joven Bajado Rabauliman received the Governor's Award while the Lieutenant Governor Excelsior recipient was Esmcleebert Siden, who later joined Charlen Tagabuel Moded and Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi as the Principal's awardees. Daniel Roque Taitano Suel Jr. was the Parent-Teacher-Student Association awardee.

# American SinoPan wants even going for its project

American SinoPan LLC officials are looking to have its hotel project finished on time and not be stalled like others due to the ongoing CW and workforce issues the CNMI is experiencing right now.

That's why the company is prioritizing the hiring of locals, especially those living in the surrounding area of Tanapag where its 100,029-square-meter hotel resort—Saipan Garden Resort—will be built.

Company chief engineer James Bi said they would need carpenters and general laborers. Their target date of completion of the 1,200-room hotel resort is in the middle of 2020.

They are currently working with the Northern Marianas Trades Institute to prepare their skilled workers. They are also going to hire personnel they would need for construction and the actual operations of their company

That aim—to hire locally—is why ASP LLC will hold a job fair for two Saturdays starting tomorrow, June 2, and June 9 at the Tanapag Social Hall in front of the Santa Remedios Parish Church in Tanapag from 9am to 3pm.

Lin said there are 62 positions that are readily available both for short- and long-term employment with their company. "We know there's a current shortage of laborers. As much as possible we want to hire residents."

"That's why I'm asking everybody from Tanapag and the entire island to come. It's going to be a big project and we're going to require a lot of people with different skills."

Li said construction jobs and the building of their property are the short-term positions that would be available while they would next hire for hotel operations and management level positions.

Bi, whose been in the construction business for almost 30 years, said they need the local community. "We need to grow up with them."

They plan to invest more in the training and education of the people of Tanapag in order to build a future workforce for the CNMI. "That's why we are also emphasizing the value of schools. When they graduate, they can work with us."

Lin added, "We really want to get the right people. Any development operation is a long-term process." ***(Jon Perez)***

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# McFun Run set for July 14

One of the most anticipated events of the Rotary Club of Saipan, the 4th Annual McFun Run, is officially set for July 14.

McDonald's Saipan and Guam stepped right up to show its support with a donation of $3,000 during the Rotary Club's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

McDonald's Middle Road general manager Joe Ayuyu Jr., who presented the Rotary with the check, said that McDonald's has always been a proud sponsor of the event, four years and running.

Ayuyu said that McDonald's is always happy to donate to events like the McFun Run, Little League, All-Schools Track and Field, Championships and more.

McDonald's is also a huge supporter of the Rotary Club and its many community projects.

This year's McFun Run is expected to be different from the all the others hosted in previous years because this year, the Rotaract students will be in charge of organizing the event while Rotarians will oversee the logistic.

The McFun Run is open to the entire community. More details to follow. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

McDonald's Saipan and Guam donates $3,000 to the Rotary Club of Saipan in preparation for the upcoming 4th Annual McFun Run this July 14.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

# $413,040 awarded to Guam for historic preservation

**HAGÅTÑA, Guam**—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) announced last week that the government of Guam has been awarded $413,040 by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, part of $48.9 million in historic preservation grants for U.S. states, territories, and partnering nations.

The awarding of historic preservation grants first began in 1977 and have given nearly $2 billion to states, territories, tribes, and nonprofit organizations. These funds are supported by Outer Continental Shelf oil lease revenues.

"Guam has a unique history and culture that cannot be found anywhere else in the world," Bordallo said. "This grant will help us continue to promote historical preservation on our island." ***(PR)***

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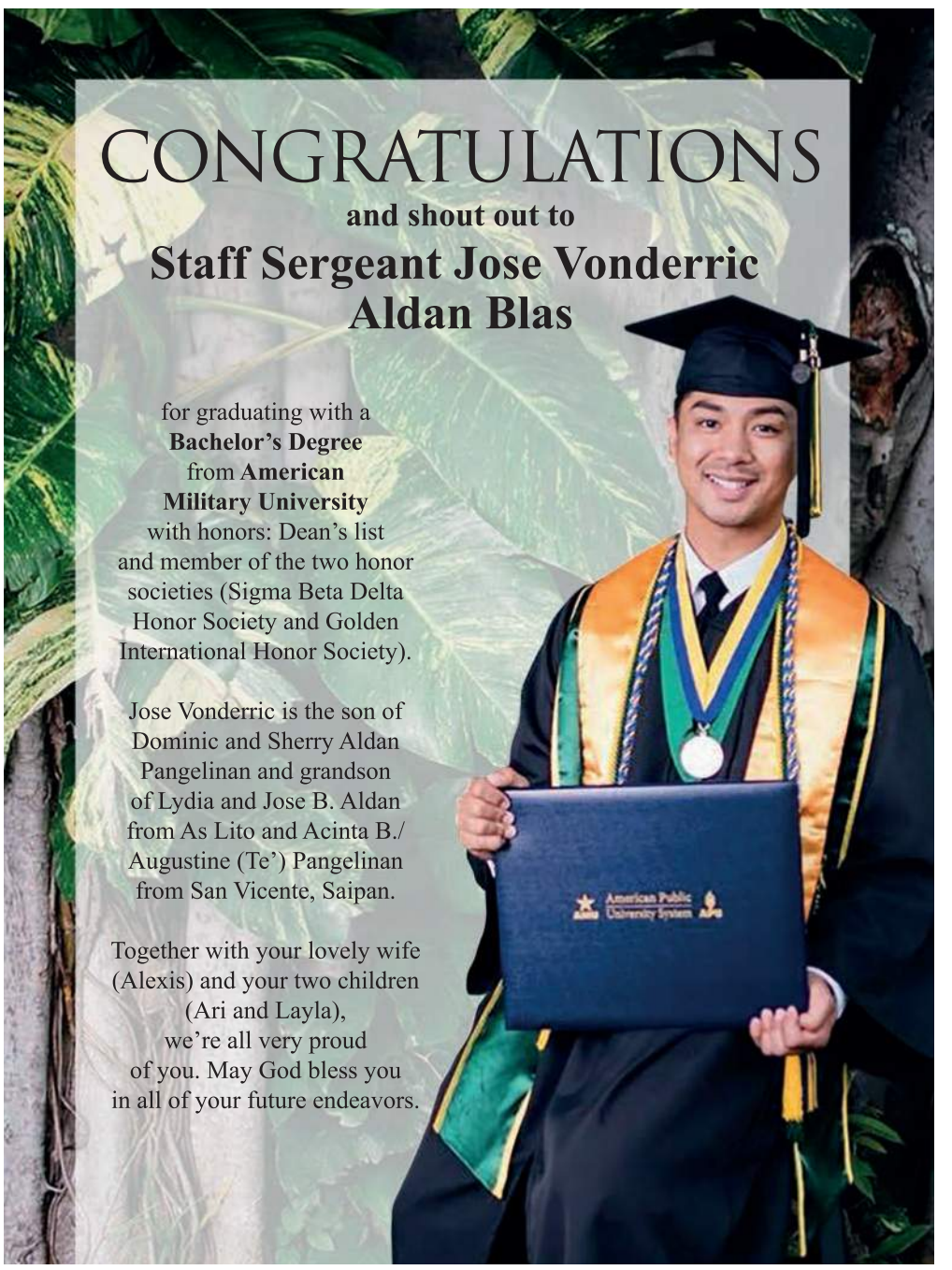
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Club 200 dinner on Oct. 13

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter will hold its annual Club 200 fundraising dinner on Oct. 13. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the NMI chapter here in the Commonwealth. This year's theme is "Rockin' out to 40 years," a rock-and-roll celebration of 40 years of humanitarian work. There will be raffle prizes, dance and costume contests as well as food and beverages. For more information call the Chapter at 234-3459. ***(PR)***

### MCS Class of 1968 preps for 50th anniversary

Mt. Carmel School's Class of 1968 is preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation on June 3, the day of their graduation, starting with a Thanksgiving Mass by Bishop Ryan A. Jimenez, at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 9am. The entire Mount Carmel family is invited to join the Mass. Updates for this event will be announced in the future. For more information, contact class chair Rita Cabrera Guerrero at ritaguerrero@gmail.com or call 989-0885. ***(PR)***

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# Cross Island Road Phase 3 to be completed by June 6

After months of heavy rain, strong winds, and inclement weather, road improvements to Isa Drive, called Phase 3 of the Cross Island Road, is in its final stages of completion.

According to Public Works Secretary James A. Ada, the project is set to end by the first week of June after a substantial inspection of the entire project and contract closeout.

"The Cross-Island Road project included many moving parts, and through the work of our engineers and collaboration with many agencies, we are very pleased to see major changes to our roads. In 2015, we suffered a major setback due to Typhoon Soudelor but our team and contractor have managed to push this project through and ensure the safety of motorists and the improvement of our overall infrastructure," Ada said.

As part of a large-scale infrastructural improvement project that began its first phase in 2009, and the completion of Phase 3 concluded road improvements to Isa Drive.

Technical Services Division director Anthony A. Camacho noted that Isa Drive spans over seven miles of road beginning from San Vicente and onwards to Capital Hill and ends at the intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold in Sadog Tasi.

"Even with the delays, the major pieces have been completed and the past few weeks have been the smaller installation of guardrails, anti-skid pavements, curb and gutter concrete works, road markings and signage. This improvement is a long time coming and we are very pleased by how much it has enhanced and improved the flow of traffic and highway standards," Camacho said.

Highway engineer Henry Bautista noted that the project went through a total of six change orders, which included the construction of the entrance to Talofofo Road and underground utility work for waterlines, sewage, and manhole installation with some upgrades to underground utilities installed during the Trust Territory period.

Of the many islandwide improvement projects funded by the Federal Highway Administration, the Cross-Island Road represented one of the longest territorial highways in the Commonwealth, according to Highway administrator Lorraine Seman.

"We have to emphasize that these road improvements are critical to our development, and we thank the public for their patience and we look forward to more road improvements throughout the Commonwealth," Seman said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres stated that seeing the completion of one of the Commonwealth's long-term projects is a testament to careful planning, prioritization of funding, and the community's patience.

"Public Works is truly on the road again as they have made every effort to initiate critical road improvements and hazard mitigation in our villages on all three major islands and made sure these projects get finished for the benefit of our community. I am very proud of their work and continual partnership with the Federal Highway Administration as we finish this project and start new ones in the months ahead. I thank our community for their patience, and we look forward to keeping you updated as we move forward on our infrastructure progress," Torres said. ***(PR)***

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# May Tourism Month was a 'resounding success'

Thirty-three students from school MY WAVE Clubs visit Mariana Resort & Spa on May 26, 2018, as for the in-depth "See My Marianas" tour coordinated by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council. MVA

Tourism Month 2018 closed with a long list of activities demonstrating that across both public and private sectors in the Marianas, "tourism is everybody's business."

The 20th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden returned to American Memorial Park this year, marking an increase in the number of vendors and the highest-ever month of sales for four consecutive Saturdays.

This year's festival also garnered the support of several local businesses in helping the Marianas Visitors Authority stage the first-ever The Hut Burrito Challenge, J's Fried Chicken Eating Competition ruled by Japan food fighter Sachiyo Masubuchi, and Joeten Barbecue Ribs Cook-off.

On the final night in the Certified Angus Beef Chefs' Competition, Jonathan Borja of Hyatt Regency Saipan and his Korean Short Ribs bested seven other junior chefs for the best taste, presentation, and creativity/use of local produce. Placing second and third were Richard Meimban of Grandvrio Resort Saipan and Vicente Montoya of Fiesta Resort & Spa, respectively. The winners received cash prizes from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and gift packages from Triple J Five Star Wholesale.

On May 25, the MVA also hosted a "See My Marianas" tour for a busload of MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) students from San Vicente Elementary, Kagman Elementary, Hopwood Jr. High, and Saipan Southern High. Joined by MVA Community Projects specialist Demalyn Pagarao, the students started with a tour of the MVA office. Mariana Resort & Spa showed the day-to-day operations of their front office and food and beverage departments. Students also took a tour of the Mariana Oceans factory and retail shop.

"The day ended at Marianas Trekking, where MVA board member Chris Nelson showed what kind of tours they offer and talked to the students about the importance of showing our tourist a memorable time with wondrous adventures," said Pagarao.

PDI tour guide Jack Kilelеman provided historical information of various sites along the tour route.

"Every year MVA and MTEC visit public schools and hold the annual MTEC Tourism Summit to teach students about tourism, and our Tourism Month tour allows students to explore the industry more in-depth, ask more questions, and deepen their understanding," said MVA Community Projects manager and MTEC board member Martin Duenas. "We've even had one participant say she wants to become the general manager of one our local hotels. That's the inspiration we aim to spark!"

Several schools also joined the MVA in conducting roadside waving on May 18 at their campuses to show support for tourism. Participating schools were Marianas High, Saipan Southern High, William S. Reyes Elementary, Garapan Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, Kagman Elementary, Oleai Elementary, Cha Cha Middle School, and Hopwood Middle School.

Other activities for the month included a pre-Tourism Month cleanup with tourism partners led by Japan Saipan Travel Association, a proclamation signing at the Office of the Governor, an Instagram contest, a graphic arts design contest for middle and high school students, tourism trivia on KCNM-KZMI, KKMP, and Power 99, and more.

"Thanks to the hard work of our staff and the incredible partnership of our community and the tourism industry, this year's Tourism Month celebration has been a resounding success," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "We are extremely grateful for the strong show of support from all our partners—from the students all the way up to the owners and presidents of local businesses and organizations—for joining with the MVA in celebrating tourism, the industry that makes our Marianas a great place to live, work, and visit. We have a lot to be proud of as a destination, and we will continue to work with all our partners toward making our Marianas even better."

Tourism Month is celebrated every May in the Marianas. ***(MVA)***


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# Illegal worker pleads guilty, gets time served

One of two overstaying tourists who were arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement last week for illegally working as construction workers pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday afternoon.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Shubiao Niu to six days of time served in jail.

Niu was charged with improper entry by an alien.

He was sentenced to six days of time served, ordered to pay a $10 court assessment fee, and placed on one year of supervised release. He will be deported at once.

Niu entered the guilty plea a day after the U.S. government filed separate information charging him and Youcai Li each with improper entry by an alien.

Robert T. Torres is the court-appointed counsel for Niu. Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley appeared for the U.S. government.

Meanwhile, Li pleaded not guilty yesterday. His detention hearing will be on June 4. Benjamin Petersburg is his court-appointed counsel.

According to the information, Niu and Li, both Chinese citizens, lied to U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspectors that their purpose for entering the CNMI was for "tourism."

In fact, Niu and Li intended to find work and live on Saipan under the CNMI-only conditional parole program, in violation of the U.S. Code.

Niu and Li entered the CNMI on Jan. 24, 2016 and March 18, 2018, respectively.

ICE agents arrested the two along the road near Moonlight Shopping along Beach Road in Chalan Kanoa last week. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# Over 90 to begin the high school journey

Graduates of Francisco M. Middle School prepare for their farewell march last Wednesday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

**By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA**
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Francisco M. Sablan Middle School promoted over 90 eighth graders led by valedictorian Mariechrist Castro to high school on Wednesday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

The 97 students of FMS will face a whole new world of challenges as they transition into the high school scene. Before that, though, the school organized a promotion ceremony to recognize their students for making it through their pre-teen years, and for their exemplary accomplishments throughout middle school.

Various awards, including the Board of Education award, the Commissioner of Education award, Leadership Award, and subject awards were given out during the promotion ceremony.

**MARIECHRIST CASTRO**
*Valedictorian*

The BOE award, given to students with the highest cumulative grade point average from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, was awarded to Castro, who was also awarded the English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Computer Science subject awards. Other Computer Science awardees included Nathanette Blas, Paulette Borja, Destiny Camacho, and Nathan Sablan.

The COE award, given to students with the second highest cumulative GPA throughout middle school, was awarded to FMS salutatorian Camia Janae Aguon Sablan. Sablan was also awarded the Chamorro Language Heritage subject award and the Leadership Excellence award.

The Science and Art subject awards were given to Patriesha Concilliado. Other Art subject awardees were Elaine Fernandez and Francheza Guttierrez.

The Carolinian Language Heritage Subject award was to Daviann Saito.

The Outstanding Cadet Leadership Award was awarded to Maria Ayuyu and Emigrace Vinuya.

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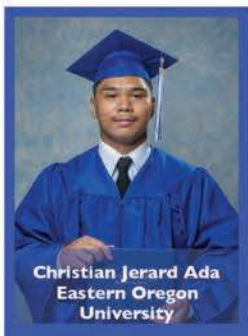
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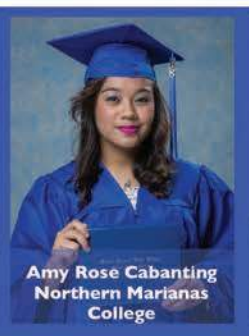
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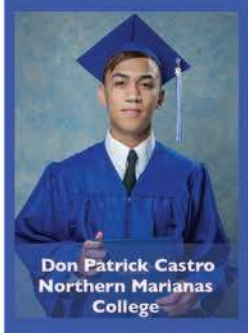
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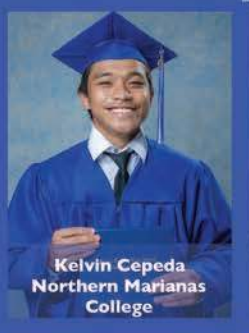
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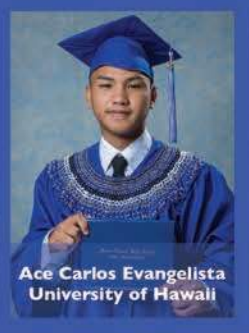
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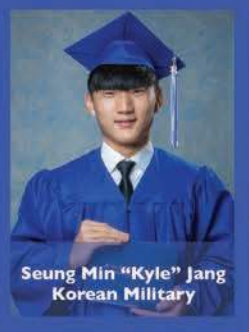
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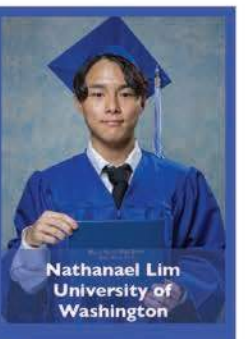
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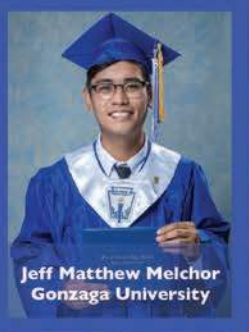
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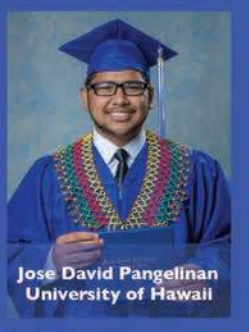
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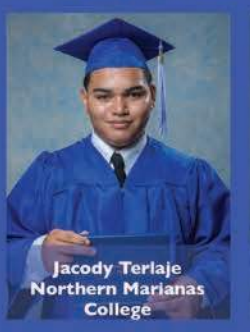
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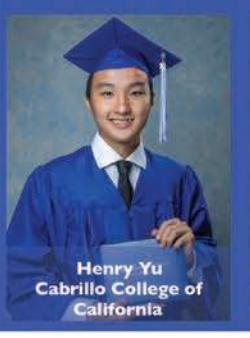
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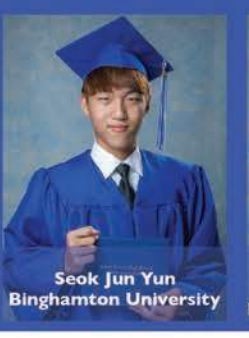
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# Patio tops tourism graphic arts design contest

The Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council award student winners of the 2018 Tourism Month "See My Marianas" Graphic Arts Design Contest on May 26, 2018, at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. From left to right are MVA Community Projects specialist Demalyn Pagarao, MTEC board member Glenn Policare, Deamarie Patio, Mary-Grace Caras, Angela Barbo, Chareena Layugan, and MTEC vice chair Wendi Herring. MVA

"Taga Beach is on the south end of Tinian, within walking distance of San Jose Village... There is available parking, picnic tables, and a concrete path to get to the edge of the cliff. It's a crystal-clear beach with beautiful coral reefs, and [is] one of Tinian's most popular sites. In order to get down to the beach, you either climb down...or jump into the water.

This description and a well-designed graphic art layout won 10th grader Deamarie Patio first place in the 2018 Tourism Month Graphic Arts Design Contest titled "See My Marianas," jointly held by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council.

Patio and four other top winners from among CNMI students in grades 6-12 were named the winners last May 26 at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden.

"I tried to capture the essence of Taga Beach's natural beauty in this piece. It's one of the most popular beaches and tourist attractions on the island," said Patio. "I specifically chose Taga Beach because it is my favorite beach. Jumping down from the rocks and into the water gives you a never-ending adrenaline rush and you'll just want to keep going again. The water's clear, the sand is soft."

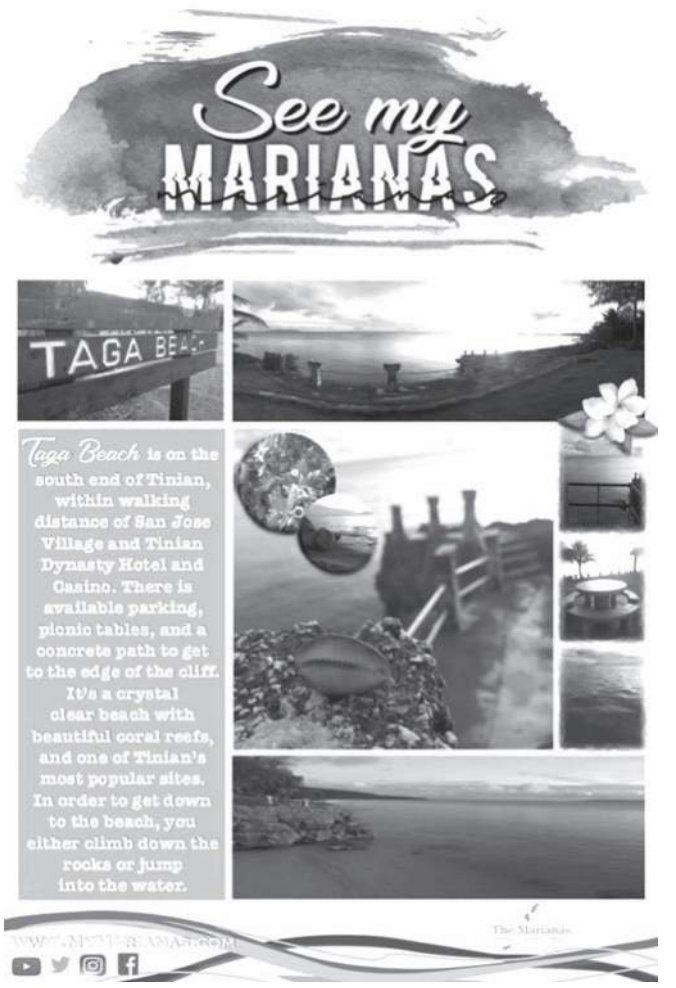
Other winners were 7th grader Mary-Grace Caras on Suicide Cliff; second place; 10th grader Angela Barbo on Banzai Cliff, third place; Angel Lagunay on House of Taga, fourth place; and 7th grader Chareena Layugan on Puttan Laggua, fifth place.

Submissions were required to be an original digital design with the words "See My Marianas" featuring a site/location in the Marianas that the artist would encourage people to visit. Entries include the name of the site/location, and brief 1-4 sentence description of the site, and the following: www.mymarianas,com and icons of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

Prizes were $300 cash first place, $200 cash for second place, $100 cash for third place, and $50 cash each for fourth and fifth place.

"On behalf of our MTEC board, we extend our congratulations to the winners, and we commend all the students who put their creative design skill to work for this contest," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "Imagery is a vital part of promotions, and we encourage all of you to keep developing your skills and keep promoting The Marianas with your talent."

MTEC board members Larry Lee, Glenn Policare, and Catherine Perry, and MVA Community Projects assistant Demalyn Pagarao assisted with contest coordination and judging. *(MVA)*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The entry of 10th grader Deamarie Patio highlighting Taga Beach in The Marianas won first place in the 2018 Tourism Month Graphic Arts Design Contest. MVA

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FREE Small Business Development Workshops

Managing Credit for Financing

Monday, June 4, 2018
9:00am—11:00am
Location: CDA Board Room, 1st Floor, San Jose

Presented by:
Jane Ray, Guam SBDC Business Advisor

Ms. Jane Ray received her Bachelor in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Economics from the University of Guam. She then received her Master in Accounting and Financial Management from the University of Maryland University College. Ray has over 10 years of experience in bookkeeping, accounting, and managing small businesses. She also has extensive lending background in handling a variety of consumer personal and mortgage loan requests, commercial loan requests for larger and small businesses on Guam and in the United States. She specialized in handling commercial loan requests through government guaranteed loan programs, such as USDA Business and Industrial program and U.S. Small Business Administration. She was previously awarded the Small Business Banker of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Ray held management positions including Assistant Relationship Manager at ANZ Guam, Inc., Business Relationship Officer and Loan Manager at Coast 360 Federal Credit Union. She was also certified as Credit Union Financial Counselor.

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Financing Options for Small Business Needs

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Gaining access to capital can be difficult and is an important part of running a small business. Knowing what options are available in the CNMI is important to meet your business needs. Knowing when to borrow, understanding why your small business needs to borrow, and assessing how much you need to borrow are all aspects that will be cov-ered. This workshop will examine the criteria that lenders look for when applying for business loans and what to expect throughout the application process. It will also cover several distinct areas to prepare a small business to be ready when applying for a business loan.

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# NMC to host 'Cash for College' workshop

Northern Marianas College will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that will assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students who are pursuing a college degree. Members of all high schools' graduating Class of 2018 are especially encouraged to attend.

The free workshop will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 12pm.

Workshop participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

NMC

Participants from last year's "Cash for College" workshop receive one-to-one assistance in filling financial aid forms and other services. The upcoming "Cash for College" workshop will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at NMC's Building A from 9am to 12pm.

Although not required for admission to the Cash for College event, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), copy of 2016 and 2017 1040, copy of 2016 and 2017 W-2 (if not filing), and proof of CNMI residency, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***


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## EDITORIAL

# Canceling 'Roseanne' the right thing to do

Disney's ABC network made the right decision to cancel its hit sitcom "Roseanne" after its namesake star published a repulsive racist rant on Twitter.

The company's swift response Tuesday to Roseanne Barr's inexcusable behavior is a standout example of a major company walking the talk and upholding core values, regardless of cost.

Such leadership is needed as America works to acknowledge and address bias, racism and sexism, and mend the deep cultural divides exposed by the 2016 presidential election.

"Roseanne" could have been a platform to confront such issues, but Barr squandered the opportunity with vile and misinformed Twitter rants that threatened the credibility of the show and the network.

The breaking point came when Barr compared Valerie Jarrett, an African-American woman who was a former senior adviser to President Barack Obama, to an ape in a tweet early Tuesday. She deleted it and apologized, but the damage was done.

Within hours, ABC said Barr's Twitter statement was "abhorrent, repugnant and inconsistent with our values and we have decided to cancel her show."

That was a remarkable turn. ABC in late March renewed the rebooted "Roseanne" show for another season after its debut was a breakout success. The cancellation announcement contributed to a decline in Disney stock Tuesday that erased billions from its market value.

This was not a partisan decision or an example of political correctness run amok. ABC had invested in a show presenting a conservative viewpoint of a working-class family, a perspective that resonated with a swath of America.

Balance, provocation and edginess are elements of mainstream entertainment. Barr also has the right to offend and say most anything she wants, thanks to the First Amendment.

But she crossed the line of decency, making her a rotten choice to be a face of America's working-class conservatives and a flag bearer for one of the world's largest entertainment companies.

Barr's Twitter tirade included vicious personal attacks and echoes of extremist conspiracy theories. Her Jarrett tweet was part of an extended rant, including false claims about George Soros and Chelsea Clinton that suggested Barr has been drinking heavily from the cesspool of fringe politics.

ABC's decision to cancel came the same day as Starbucks closed company-owned stores across the country for bias training. The training was in response to a badly handled April incident in Philadelphia, after the arrests of two black visitors while waiting for a business contact.

The omnipresent glare of social media is exposing all manner of wrongdoings and prompting moments of reckoning for public and private organizations and individuals.

ABC's fast and principled response with "Roseanne" sets a new standard for companies that must confront major problems brought to light in this new era and uphold their stated values.

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# The Wankel engine

**By ED STEPHENS**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Gas is so expensive I'd rather think about driving than do any actual driving. So today I'm going to ponder an intriguing invention known as the Wankel engine, so named for its German creator, Felix Wankel. The Wankel, also known as a "rotary" engine, is an elegant idea. The core of the basic design has only two moving parts.

When I was a kid I built a model of a Wankel from one of those old-school glue-it-together kits made of plastic. That's my only education on the topic. So what you're getting today are faded memories, fuzzy conceptions, and probably a few misconceptions as well. Pretty good, huh?

I will now embark on a fool's errand as I try to describe the Wankel principle in mere words.

First step: Draw a circle, even if you're just drawing it with your mind's eye.

Then draw an equilateral triangle inside of the circle, a triangle so big that its three corners just kiss the perimeter of the circle.

The thing to contemplate is the portion of the circle that is not overlapped by the triangle. You'll note that we have three lens-shaped areas. Each of these areas is bounded by a leg of the triangle and by a slice of the circle's perimeter (which I'll also call the sidewall).

We can think of these areas as chambers, somewhat akin to cylinders in piston engines. Now if we rotate the triangle, we'll also be imparting rotation to the three masses of air that are within the chambers.

By arraying an intake port, a spark plug to initiate combustion, and an exhaust port at appropriate places in the sidewall, we've got ourselves the makings of an engine. It's a merry-go-round where the air only gets to sit for one spin before it's kicked off the ride. Air goes in, it's compressed (more on that topic below), it's combusted, and then it goes out very close to the place where it had gone in to begin with.

As for the triangle, it is pushed by the combustion, and it meshes with the end of a drive shaft. That's how the triangle transmits its motive power.

Neat, huh? The only moving parts are (1) the triangle, and (2) the drive shaft.

I've employed egregious oversimplification just to illustrate the concept. I'll try to un-egregious some of it now.

For one thing, the triangle's legs are not perfectly straight, they're sort of curved. I'm not going to worry about that detail here, though I will point out the triangle is called a "rotor."

More importantly though, in reality, the sidewall isn't really a circle. It's more like an oval. Depending on where you are along the periphery, its contours allow for less, or more, volume in the chamber it bounds, and this provides more, or less, compression of the adjacent air mass. This is, for example, how the air mass is compressed prior to combustion.

In order to keep its corners near the sidewall, the rotor doesn't spin around its geometric center, but, instead, it spins around an offset center. This "eccentric axis" allows the rotor to move laterally and thus keep its corners near the sidewall. Each corner, or "apex" of the rotor has an "apex seal" that is an important part of the design, and acts sort of like the rings on a piston, keeping the air from slipping by gaps between the mechanical components.

Anyway, that's pretty much the idea of the Wankel engine.

The engine will, of course, have to sustain itself by driving various accessories such as a generator, fuel pump, oil pump, and water pump, but, still, the core itself is very simple. And it's also very light, since it doesn't have to contain the violent boing-boing force of pistons.

Unfortunately, the Wankel design had problems in the automotive world. One such problem was high levels of emissions, which, in the modern regulatory climate, can stop a product dead in its tracks.

Outside of that, though, the design sees niche use in industrial applications, especially where small, simple, and light are important attributes. Some aerial drones, for example, use Wankel engines, as have race cars, motorcycles, and some small airplanes.

Looking back at the auto realm, although various manufacturers messed with Wankel designs, Mazda was the only player I remember that got the Wankel in front of the broad consumer market. Some such cars were before my time, but I certainly remember Mazda's RX-7 and then its RX-8 sports cars. The last RX-8 rolled off the lines in 2012. And, with that milestone, what used to be the car engine of the future became a car engine of the past, at least within the context of what people can buy at the local auto dealer.

On a positive note there could always be some sort of renaissance in the works, if not by Mazda then by somebody else. After all, some ideas are too cool to let die. This is one of them.

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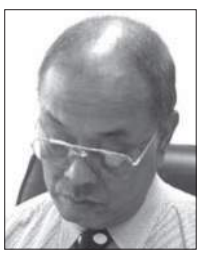
# Economy: Something's amiss



**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the* Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands. All views expressed by the author are his/her own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion and stance of the* Saipan Tribune.

Though brass knuckle politics is still months ahead, there are problematic self-inflicted issues that come with the prize of incumbency. Eventually, we would see who holds whose moronic feet to the fire.

There are well-known numbers all over the NMI among voters. They include the following:

80 percent salary increase for elected officials.

14,000-plus employees earning poverty income level and below.

$400,000 Biktot Hokog expropriated from taxpayers.

70-percent salary increase for the post of governor and lieutenant governor.

And 5 percent for civil service employees, still 75 percent behind Da Boysis!

How come the increase didn't include productive workers in the private sector? These questions require solid answers from Raffy T., Biktot H., Arnold P., and Da Odda Raffy.

Raffy boasted of a healthy economy basically mirrored on revenues that currently support basic public services. Fine.

**At issue:** But did it increase the buying power of families throughout the archipelago? So what good is the so-called economic improvement if it skipped family purses? In short, it's a message that isn't!

You catered to filling the pockets of the elected elite, including yourself, a case of birds of a feather fly together, Republican oneupmanship! Not so okay! No wonder Mark Twain once said, "Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason."

When their cranial faculties turn soggy, it instantly turn foggy and can't see beyond their pug nose. How could you ignore 14,000-plus employees drowning in poverty income level and below and some 3,000 retirees with fixed income?

How did the economy improve their income that has remained the same for over 20 years? With poverty income, is there a chance these folks could secure home loans to begin building the first family home?

Any plan with commitment to upgrade the income of folks in these categories? Why don't you, Biktot, Arnie, and Raff D. converge while junketing to hash out an eleventh hour plan before November? Maybe and just maybe, you could do the moronic feet roasting of nemesis.

Quite frankly, meeting the needs of 14,000-plus employees with poverty income level and below is quite a tall order. Are there excess funds somewhere to meet this need requiring millions of dollars? Yes, it's about failure to improve the buying power of families across the archipelago. And there are only five months left before the election!

I have walked the valleys of poverty a long time ago. The indelible memory of dealing with abject poverty was one horrific experience. It is for this reason that I'm raising this issue not for political punditry but of basic familial needs. Sir, I've gone to class on many a days with faucet water in my tummy. I don't want this repeated in our kids today!

**Greater vision:** We are at a juncture in our developmental history when we should treat our future with a sense of responsibility by critically asking: Where do we go from here? Let's leave the political aspect on the side and focus more on our economic future.

This definitely requires purposeful and meaningful discussion with our lifetime partners or investors who have played major contributive roles improving the fiscal posture of the NMI. These are friends from Japan, China, South Korea, and elsewhere.

The prewar relationship we've had with Japan is a good point to begin revisiting issues beyond current investments or single-economy in tourism. Complimentary…

**Wealth:** If there's any wonder why locals are hardly into business, it is because we never had the culture of entrepreneurship. However, the culture of inclusion sets in motion the barter system among local families.

It's a way of sharing farm harvest and fresh catch from the sea. Its basic purpose is to ensure the wellbeing of the whole community. Hardly did we sell one another beyond the system in place since ancestral days.

The aspiration to encourage indigenous entrepreneurship should shift to our young college minds or those in their last year in high school. They are apt to learn the essence of making money while being your own boss. Their education and orientation should enable them to venture out on personal wealth creation through small family businesses. After all, there won't be that many government jobs up ahead.

The NMI has availed of commercial loans with the banks, Commonwealth Development Authority, Small Business Administration and a loan program under USDA. But it seems the opportunity fizzled and, again, we ask why the lengthy seeming fear availing of these funds?

It's a matter of helping our people secure the requisite loan to begin building the vehicle for more wealth and being their own boss.

# Explaining my vote

**By ALICE S. IGITOL**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

As recent as Tuesday, May 29, 2018, and prior to this date, I have been receiving calls from the general public inquiring about my position on House Local Bill 20-48.

Please be informed that the governor has vetoed H.L.B. 20-48, but on behalf of the many inquirers, I must take this opportunity to explain why I supported the bill.

Please allow me to briefly explain the bill's intent to rezone certain sections of the public lands along the intersection of Koblerville Road and Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road and Tun Joaquin Dei Drive as "mixed commercial" zoning district. These areas are outside the designated village area.

I supported the bill for reasons I strongly felt are to the best interest of the people of Saipan and the Northern Islands.

First and foremost, I wanted to make sure that all the poker machine businesses are taken out of all villages on Saipan. In order to do that, we must identify areas outside the villages on Saipan that are most fitting for these businesses to operate.

Equally important is the SHEFA scholarship program that is deriving its funds from the poker fees. As an elected official, I will find every way to make sure that the SHEFA scholarship program will continue to receive the necessary funding to allow for the scholarships for qualified residents from Saipan and Northern Islands to be able to avail themselves of the SHEFA scholarship funding. It is critically important that this scholarship program continues to thrive for the benefits of our future leaders—our kids!

Lastly, our residents expect their leaders to provide services to the community. We need funding sources to accomplish these important community services. Until we can identify other sources of funding, we need to continue to support the poker industry.

*Alice S. Igitol is a House representative and member of the 20th CNMI Legislature.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Outreach to WWII survivors

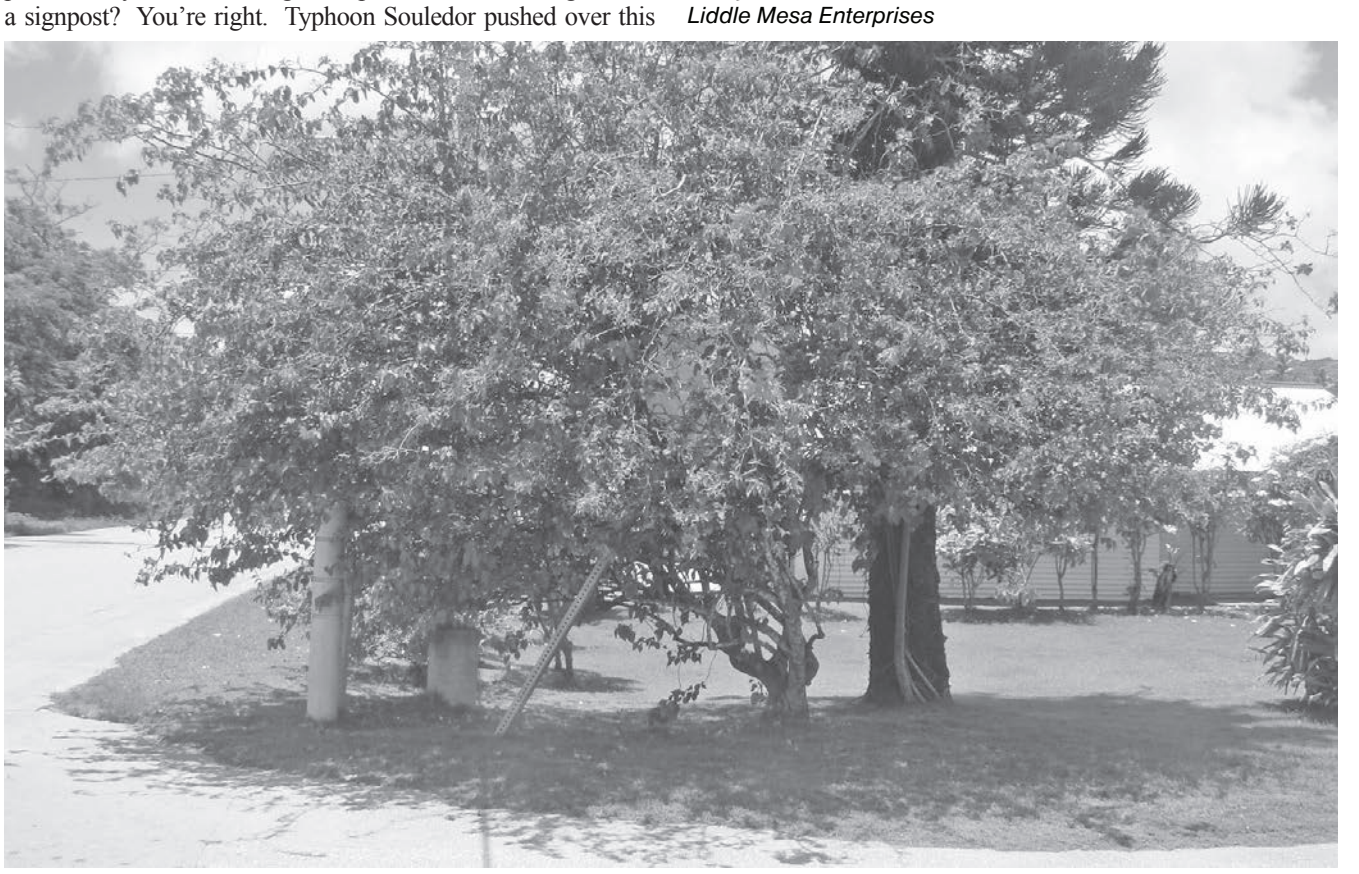
I have met with several descendants from the CNMI whose parents were born and raised in Guam; survivors of World War II and moved to the CNMI after the war. Is there a way to notify the islands of the Guam survivors or even their children that are eligible to file a war claim? If so, the commission moved last April 19, 2018, and the new address is 601 D Street, NW, Suite 10300, Washington, D.C. 20579. If anyone has questions I can be reached via email: nocvatx@outlook.com

**Joey Acfalle**
*Chairman, National Organization of Chamorro Veterans in America, Texas Chapter*

# What sign?

This photo was taken at the corner of Tammwoora Avenue and Ur Street in San Jose (or is it in Oelai?). Some people search for images in clouds (called "pareidolia"). Some find images in bushes (who would do such a thing?). Find the image in this photo. Did you find an octagon shape such as a STOP sign? And a signpost? You're right. Typhoon Souledor pushed over this STOP sign until it rested at a 45-degree angle. Then DPS and DPW failed to repair or replace it during the past two years (or is it three?). In the meantime, the bush has grown to completely cover the sign and most of the post. Part of me find this humorous. But the other part takes safety seriously and this neglect by DPS and DPW puts the public at risk.

**Gary A. Liddle**
*Liddle Mesa Enterprises*



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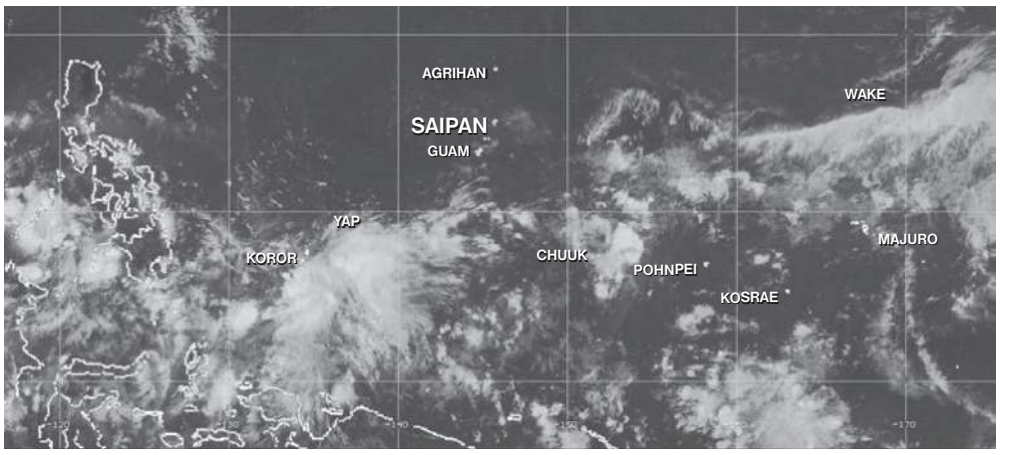


**PICTURE TIME: 6:55 AM, THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No change made to the forecast. Relatively dry weather will prevail across the Marianas today and tonight. Forecast from yesterday indicated scattered showers beginning over the Marianas sometime on Friday night. The last few model runs seem to be trimming away at this wet weather pattern. Models are trending towards a more patchy rainfall pattern for Friday night with scattered showers now beginning on Saturday. This trimming of the shower activity appears to stem from what the models are doing to the circulation that was expected to form near Guam this weekend. GFS still forms it, but further west. This new development is agreeing with what the ECMWF had been predicting over the last few days. Other models seem to be on the same wavelength as NAVGEM and CMC also show similar predictions. With this more westward development, the rainfall over the Marianas seems to be less than earlier predicted. Low-level convergence to the east of the expected circulation may still generate scattered showers over the Marianas for part of the coming weekend.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

| MICRONESIA | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorm | 85° / 79° |
| Palau | Thunderstorm | 84° / 77° |
| Yap | Thunderstorm | 87° / 79° |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorm | 86° / 80° |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorm | 86° / 77° |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorm | 86° / 77° |
| Majuro | Thunderstorm | 86° / 81° |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Rain | 61° / 57° |
| Beijing | Mostly Sunny | 99° / 72° |
| Hong Kong | Thunderstorm | 88° / 81° |
| Honolulu | Showers | 84° / 73° |
| London | Showers | 73° / 55° |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 73° / 59° |
| Manila | Thunderstorm | 93° / 81° |
| Melbourne | Mostly Sunny | 59° / 41° |
| Miami | Thunderstorm | 83° / 74° |
| New York | Showers | 81° / 68° |
| Osaka | Sunny | 82° / 64° |
| Paris | Thunderstorm | 77° / 61° |
| Busan | Mostly Sunny | 77° / 64° |
| Rome | Sunny | 82° / 63° |
| Salem | Thunderstorm | 90° / 72° |
| San Francisco | Sunny | 64° / 54° |
| Seoul | Sunny | 88° / 63° |
| Tokyo | Mostly Sunny | 81° / 64° |
| Washington, DC | Thunderstorm | 90° / 72° |

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| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
|---|---|---|
| 3:42 AM | HIGH TIDE | 1.17 |
| 8:16 AM | LOW TIDE | 1.77 |
| 3:41 PM | HIGH TIDE | -0.23 |
| 10:45 PM | LOW TIDE | 1.84 |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:45 AM | 6:43 PM |
| Saturday | 5:45 AM | 6:44 PM |
| Sunday | 5:45 AM | 6:44 PM |
| Monday | 5:45 AM | 6:44 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:45 AM | 6:45 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Today | - | 7:41 AM | 8:55 PM |
| Saturday | - | 8:30 AM | 9:43 PM |
| Sunday | - | 9:19 AM | 10:28 PM |
| Monday | - | 10:09 AM | 11:11 PM |
| Tuesday | - | 10:58 AM | 11:53 PM |

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 8, 2018

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA6394 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA6392 | 8:40am | 9:30am | Daily |
| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota |
| UA6390 | 2:20pm | 3:10pm | 2, 3, 6 |
| UA6398 | 6:05pm | 6:55pm | Daily |
| UA6396 | 9:50pm | 10:40pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 2:05pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA6391 | 2:35pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3451 | 3:10am | 6:10am | 1, 7 |
| 7C3451 | 4:00am | 7:05am | 4, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TW308 | 2:00am | 6:05am | Daily |
| OZ626 | 2:10am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ626 | 2:50am | 6:40am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| LJ652 | 3:40am | 7:30am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:45am | 8:30am | Daily |
| 7C3401 | 4:00pm | 7:45pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 5:40am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JD396 | 7:30am | 12:00pm | 1 |
| JD396 | 4:50pm | 10:00pm | 4 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:35am | 3, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ626/701 | 2:10am | 10:55am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 2:50am | 10:55am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA6394/191 | 4:15am | 9:00am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA6394/PR111 | 4:15am | 8:10am | 7 via GUM |
| UA6394/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:20am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA6398/183 | 6:05pm | 9:40pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA6398/183 | 6:05pm | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA6398/193 | 6:05pm | 11:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HX077 | 1:50am | 5:15am | 1, 4 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:10am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UO43 | 5:45am | 8:40am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| UA6398/159 | 6:05pm | 11:00pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA6393 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA6395 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA6391 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 via Rota |
| UA6397 | 4:45pm | 5:35pm | Daily |
| UA6399 | 8:30pm | 9:20pm | Daily |

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 12:45pm | 2, 3, 6 |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA6390 | 1:15pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3452 | 9:00pm | 2:10am+1 | 4 |
| 7C3452 | 9:05pm | 2:10am+1 | 3, 6, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3402 | 9:30am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 |
| TW307 | 7:45pm | 1:00am+1 | Daily |
| OZ625 | 8:20pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| LJ651 | 9:10pm | 2:40am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:20pm | 4:30am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JD395 | 8:25am | 3:30pm | 4 |
| JD395 | 9:55pm | 5:00am+1 | 7 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 4:25pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA182/6395 | 12:40am | 8:05am | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA190/6397 | 9:55am | 5:35pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/625 | 12:25pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:25pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/UA6395 | 10:05pm | 8:05am+1 | Daily via GUM |
| UA192/6395 | 10:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM |
| UA184/6395 | 10:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ722/625 | 1:15pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| HX076 | 5:15pm | 12:15am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UO42 | 6:50pm | 1:45am+1 | 7 |
| UO42 | 9:30pm | 4:25am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |
| UA116/6395 | 11:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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**SAIPAN TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | 7:30AM | 8:00AM | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:30AM | 12:00PM | Daily |
| 1303 | 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3101 | 8:15AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 1:45PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 3103 | 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO GUAM**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3401 | 12:15PM | 12:45PM | Daily |

**GUAM TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4301 | 1:00PM | 1:30PM | Daily |

**SAIPAN TO TINIAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1201 | 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Daily |
| 1202 | 8:00AM | 8:15AM | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00AM | 10:15AM | Daily |
| 1205 | 11:00AM | 11:15AM | Daily |
| 1206 | 12:00PM | 12:15PM | Daily |
| 1207 | 1:00PM | 1:15PM | Daily |
| 1208 | 2:00PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 1209 | 3:00PM | 3:15PM | Daily |
| 1210 | 4:00PM | 4:15PM | Daily |
| 1211 | 5:00PM | 5:15PM | Daily |
| 1212 | 6:00PM | 6:15PM | Daily |

**TINIAN TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2102 | 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
| 2103 | 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 2104 | 9:30AM | 9:45AM | Daily |
| 2105 | 10:30AM | 10:45AM | Daily |
| 2106 | 11:30AM | 11:45AM | Daily |
| 2107 | 12:30PM | 12:45PM | Daily |
| 2108 | 1:30PM | 1:45PM | Daily |
| 2109 | 2:30PM | 2:45PM | Daily |
| 2110 | 3:30PM | 3:45PM | Daily |
| 2111 | 4:30PM | 4:45PM | Daily |
| 2112 | 5:30PM | 5:45PM | Daily |
| 2113 | 6:30PM | 6:45PM | Daily |

## LITERARY NOOK

# Flores de Mayu

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

### Flores Mayu in Sight

There are still bananas outside my eastern windows
most outside the kitchen window have been eaten now gone
new sprouts are growing where others got whacked down
sprouts seem to shoot up where some westerly wind blows.

Chunge' birds wheel above and soar in pairs
in bridal white above the Australian pines
flying in tandem taking care of their own affairs
of their young offspring one rarely sees any signs.

Geckos climb house windows and walls inside and out
little gray and green scampering acrobats of derring-do
getting evening meals on the windows with nary a shout
there are a lot less little flying insects when they're through.

May flowers in sight flame trees are starting to bloom
the ground will have a beautiful orange carpet very soon.

### May Flowers and Mango Showers

Yes, indeed there seems to be plenty of May flowers
seems to be more blooms than in the month before

Yes, April is supposed to be the month for showers
and now showers of mangoes cover the jungle floor.

We're up to our ears in hundreds of mango droppings
banana stalks and a variety of citrus trees do the same
the abundance of other island fruits is not stopping
for this fruit not to be gathered and eaten is a shame.

Flores mayu, flores rosa, yan bula puti tainobiu
blossom by the roadsides and on people's lawns
flower with other names in botanical encyclopedias
make the island mas bunita yan bunitu at every dawn.

Look up in the sky watch out while walking you go
You might get hit on the head by a falling mango!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Thank you

It was truly a relief to see the governor veto the bill to expand gambling in the community. I can remember when I was asked by then-bishop Camacho to help the church with fighting the casino and we won the first two battles but we still ended up with a casino. I am no longer against the casino because it is here now and we just have to deal with it but to expand gambling in the community is something that I hoped would not happen, especially after they just stated getting the poker machines out.

I must express my sincere thanks to Bishop Ryan for his statement in the *North Star* and the governor for vetoing the bill. I also want to thank the Saipan delegation for the noble effort to try and provide more funding for the scholarships because the scholarships are important and indeed a big part of the financial support needed for many of our students seeking degrees off-island.

I would like to offer this possible solution, given that the marijuana bill is now with the House of Representatives. Maybe the Saipan delegation should look at the marijuana bill before it is voted upon and see if they can secure some funding from the two industries (cannabis and hemp cultivation and manufacturing of products) that the bill creates. I believe that, instead of trying to get a few crumbs for scholarships through the expansion of gambling or from the exiting casino, you can get an entire cake from the new cannabis and hemp industries. In fact, if the bill follows the suggestions I made, there will be anywhere from $9 million to $12 million available just for the start-up of these two industries, so the money will be there. You just need to try and secure a place in line for the funding, which will all be separate from the regular local budget.

All the money from the marijuana industry will require a "separate budgeting process" as these monies must be collected, housed, and distributed separately from other government funding. Now is the time for the Saipan delegation to act or it could be an uphill battle once the bill becomes law. I hope this will help to solve the scholarship funding challenge for the Saipan delegation.

**Ambrose M. Bennett**
*Kagman, Saipan*


## COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA)** is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRFIELD MARKING AND SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP Nos. 3-69-0003-26/XX).**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018,** at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, requires the removal and replacement of all airfield markings, procurement and replacement of airfield signage and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the plans and specifications and in compliance with FAA's Advisory Circular No. 150/5340-1L.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time) of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages) of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plan and specification documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Rota Port Manager's Office at 10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: May 11, 2018



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## NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

**Notice is hereby given that the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the provisions of child care services under the State Plan for Child Care and Development Fund FFY2019-2021**

**All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to provide their views relative to the proposed State Plan either orally or in writing at the hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled at these dates, times and location.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| June 4, 2018 | Kagman Community Center, Saipan | 6:00p.m. |
| June 5, 2018 | Tinian Youth Center, Tinian | 6:00p.m. |
| June 7, 2018 | Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe, Saipan | 6:00p.m. |
| June 8, 2018 | Sinapalo Youth Center, Rota | 6:00p.m. |

**Sign language interpreter is available at all public hearings. If requested at least 5 working days before the scheduled public hearing, large print of the State Plan may be provided.**

**Copies of the proposed State Plan will be available by May 21, 2018 via the Child Care Licensing Program website (http://cnmicclp.org) or by calling (670) 664-2576/2589/2575.**

**All written comments should be received by the Child Care and Development Fund on or before June 15, 2018 and forwarded to: Maribel Loste, CCDF Program Administrator as a hard copy to CCDF Office, Bldg No. 1347 Ascension Ct. Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 or via email at ccdf.maribelloste@gmail.com**

**/s/ Robert H. Hunter**
**DCCA Secretary**

# MHS students tackle teen issues with improv play

Marianas High School students, under the direction of Barbara Sher, are set to perform in early June an original, improvisation-based play about various teen issues called *Choices*.

The production is the brainchild of Sher, who has directed similar productions in the past with students and community members. As part of the process, the student actors identified five issues that teens today have with their teachers, parents, culture, friends, and romance. The actors then explored these issues using improvisation exercises in order to use their own words and perspectives.

For Sher, it was important that students find their own voice on the many issues facing teens today. "I invited them to look at their individual situations in their own life and decide if there are other ways to view their experience," she said.

Sher acknowledged that the process was difficult at times. "Keeping with the negative perspective brings discomfort."

She asked students to consider, "Do we want to want to stay with a negative interpretation or do we want to see what's positive? Are there other ways, other choices? What will you choose? What will you do?"

By encouraging the student actors to explore their options in their own words, Sher said the result is an organic script that is "poignant…authentic…and funny, like life!"

For Sher, helping students tackle difficult issues in art and play is nothing new. In addition to her career as an occupational therapist who works with special needs students, she is an award-winning author known as "The Games Lady" who has published numerous best-selling books including *Smart Play, Extraordinary Play with Ordinary Things,* and *Moving Right Along*. A regular contributor to *Parenting for Special Needs* and *Sensory Focus* magazines, Sher has been recognized by amazon.com as a "tireless advocate of the vanishing art of kid's play [whose] books, CDs, workshops, and podcasts have unlighted and inspired parents, caregivers, and teachers worldwide in 10 languages."

Sher has spent much of her professional life and work here in the CNMI, helping students and community members find meaning and purpose in various forms of play, including the play of theatre. *Choices* is just one of many such projects that seek to empower its participants through the spontaneity and engagement of theatre.

*Choices* will run on June 8 and 9 starting at 7pm at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center theater. Sponsored by the CHC-CGC Youth Suicide Prevention program, the performances will be free to the public, but seating is limited to 100. Donations will be accepted at the door for similar future projects. For more information about the show, email Sher at barbara.sher@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

# House scraps multiple Zoning public hearing bill

The House of Representatives voted last week to scrap a bill that mandates multiple zoning public hearings

Following recommendations of the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee, led by chair Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), the House voted to kill Rep. Vinson Sablan's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 20-06 during a session on Tinian.

H.B. 20-06 seeks to mandate the Commonwealth Zoning Board to hold at least three public hearings for rezoning requests, something members of the JGO see as a waste of resources given the lengthy amount of time from the initial announcement of the public hearing.

Author Sablan, Rep. Greg M. Sablan Jr (R-Saipan), vice speaker Janet Maratita (R-Saipan), and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) voted against shelving the bill, resulting in a vote of 13-5.

At the committee level, the members voted 3-2 to shelve the measure.

Zoning told the JGO committee that holding more than one public hearing would strain their resources.

"…Three public hearing will not guarantee participants and it might provide for an avenue for participants to wait until the last day to attend," stated the Zoning comments according to Blanco.

"[Zoning] said one public hearing announced through media and through signages posted 300 feet around the affected property for 30 days is sufficient," he said. ***(Erwin Encinares)***


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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA)** is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PERIMETER SECURITY FENCE REPLACEMENT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO.: 3-69-0003-27/XX.**

One original and three copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of Rota International Airport Perimeter Security Fence Replacement with perimeter access road, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the departure terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS ($200.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CALENDAR DAYS ($300.00)** shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Rota Ports Manager's Office, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport at **10:00 a.m., Friday, June 8, 2018** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will berejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by CPA. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. It is the Contractors' responsibility to verify and ensure that the drawings are printed without distortion after printing which may affect sheet size and scale of the design details. Prints shall be the actual intended size of 24" by 36" as initially prepared by the Designer of Record.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP60 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Government wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
CPA Executive Director

Date: May 16, 2018



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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"TNI ARFF BUILDING RENOVATIONS, Tinian International Airport, Tinian, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0011-28/XX"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read at the Saipan Airport Conference Room immediately after the deadline on the same day.

The project, in general, consist of the TNI ARFF Builidng Renovation, extension and construction of new building. It includes demolition of existing ARFF Dispatch and first bay of the aforesaid building. A three storey building will be constructed as this site, and the remaining building will receive extension of frontage at Bay 2 and Bay 3. A new auxiliary building will be constructed adjacent to the building. Also, this project includes replacement of existing chainlink fence, replacement of water tank, additional parking and other associated works, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Four Hundred Thirty (430) Calendar Days.** Liquidated damages in the amount of **One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the departure terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS** ($200.00) for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian Ports Manager's Office at the Tinian International Airport at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2018,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: May 23, 2018

# Nation

## Trump plans to go ahead with steel, aluminum tariffs on EU

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump's administration is planning to impose tariffs on European steel and aluminum imports after failing to win concessions from the European Union, a move that could provoke retaliatory tariffs and inflame trans-Atlantic trade tensions.

The tariffs are likely to go into effect on the EU with an announcement by Friday's deadline, according to two people familiar with the discussions. The administration's plans could change if the two sides are able to reach a last-minute agreement, said the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

Trump announced in March the United States would slap a 25 percent tariff on imported steel, and a 10 percent tariff on imported aluminum, citing national security interests. But he granted an exemption to the EU and other U.S. allies; that reprieve expires Friday.

Europe has been bracing for the U.S. to place the restrictions even as top European officials have held last-ditch talks in Paris with American trade officials to try to avert the tariffs.

"Realistically, I do not think we can hope" to avoid either U.S. tariffs or quotas on steel and aluminum, said Cecilia Malmstrom, the European Union's trade commissioner. Even if the U.S. were to agree to waive the tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, Malmstrom said, "I expect them nonetheless to want to impose some sort of cap on EU exports."

European officials said they expected the U.S. to announce its final decision Thursday. The people familiar with the talks said Trump could make an announcement as early as Thursday.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross attended meetings at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris on Wednesday, and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer joins discussions in Paris on Thursday.

The U.S. plan has raised the threat of retaliation from Europe and fears of a global trade war — a prospect that is already weighing on investor confidence and could hinder the global economic upturn.

If the U.S. moves forward with its tariffs, the EU has threatened to impose retaliatory tariffs on U.S. orange juice, peanut butter and other goods in return. French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire pledged that the European response would be "united and firm."

Besides the U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs, the Trump administration is also investigating possible limits on foreign cars in the name of national security.

"Unilateral responses and threats over trade war will solve nothing of the serious imbalances in the world trade. Nothing," French President Emmanuel Macron said in an impassioned speech at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Union: Strike would cost top Vegas casinos over $10M a day

**LAS VEGAS** (AP)—The two largest resort operators in Las Vegas would lose more than $10 million a day combined if housekeepers, cooks and others go on strike, a possibility starting Friday, the union representing thousands of casino workers said Wednesday. The Culinary Union detailed how it thinks a one-month strike would impact MGM Resorts International and Caesars Entertainment, which operate more than half the properties that would be affected if 50,000 workers walk off the job. Workers last week voted to authorize a strike as disputes over workplace training, wages and other issues have kept the union and casino operators from agreeing on new contracts. The union conceded that it is difficult to estimate how the strike at more than 30 casino-hotels would affect Las Vegas overall because the last citywide strike took place in 1984, when the city had 90,000 fewer hotel rooms and only about 12.8 million annual visitors. Last year, more than 42.2 million people visited. But it says MGM and Caesars would see a 10 percent reduction in revenue because of the loss of group and independent travelers. A strike also could happen as fans head to Las Vegas for the Stanley Cup Final. "Furthermore, one might assume a 10 percent worsening of operating margins due to the use of less experienced and less skilled replacements ... to keep the doors open, rooms cleaned, food cooked, and cocktails served, not to mention other factors such as the disruptions to management staff's regular work," the union wrote.

### China reserves right to retaliate for US investment curbs

**BEIJING** (AP)—China's government said Thursday it reserves the right to retaliate if Washington goes ahead with proposed investment controls Beijing said violate global trade rules. The Commerce Ministry's comment came as the two sides prepared for weekend talks in Beijing on American complaints about China's trade surplus and Beijing's promise to buy more American goods. The White House announced plans this week to restrict Chinese investment in the United States and purchases of high-tech goods. It renewed threats to impose 25 percent tariffs on $50 billion of Chinese goods in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology. Such curbs would violate the "rules and basic spirit" of the World Trade Organization, said a Commerce Ministry spokesman, Gao Feng. "The Chinese side will carefully evaluate the U.S. measures and reserves the right to take corresponding measures," Gao said at a regular briefing. Meanwhile, the ministry said a team of more than 50 American officials was meeting with Chinese officials to prepare for the talks due to start Saturday involving Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.


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## NOTICE TO ALL MARINE SPORTS OPERATORS IN SAIPAN, TINIAN, & ROTA

Pursuant to the recent amendments to NMIAC § 15-10, the Coastal Resources Management Rules and Regulations, the Director of the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be reissuing new Area of Particular Concern (APC) permits to all commercial marine sports operations on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The purpose for reissuing marine sports permits is to ensure such permits reflect updated terms and conditions and comply with the current requirements of NMIAC-10-205(h)(4). DCRM hereby advices all marine sports operators on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to reapply by submitting a new CRM APC permit application to DCRM on or before May 30, 2018. Any marine sports permit issued from previous years will no longer be valid effective May 31, 2018.



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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
**RFQ18-GOV-082**

**Request for Qualification for Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services 702 CIP Project Management Services**

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "**Commonwealth**") are soliciting sealed proposals from Architects and Engineers to provide Project Management Services for designated Federally Funded Projects for FY 2017 – 2019.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Selected Architects and Engineers (Project Managers) will be retained as independent contractors under the General Provision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained of a one year contract with an option to renew for an additiional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth. Project Managers include Architects, Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers.

Compensation for Project Managers services will be determined based on the number of assigned projects including payments for appoved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with the selected Project Managers to determine the scope of work and responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project(s).

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work (SOW) and submittal requirements at the Office of Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, beginning May 29, 2018 during working hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – (Monday through Friday, except on holiday). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement & Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable.
Fee estimates will assist the CIP Office for budgeting purposes, but will not be considered in the Firm evaluation scores.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered. Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Past Experience and Performance as a Project Manager – 70%
2. Interview – 30%

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ18-GOV-082", **Project Management Services for the 702 CIP Projects**". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, **no later than 9:00 a.m,. on June 29, 2018**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply **no later than 9:00 a.m., ChST, on June 29, 2018** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cmnidof.net. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 29, 2018, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply **no later than 9:00 a.m.,ChST on July 10, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

Victor B. Hocog
CNMI, Acting Governor

Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

# Nation

# Transgender migrant dies while in US custody

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** (AP)—The death of a transgender woman while in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has prompted advocates to demand that LGBTQ migrant detainees be freed until their cases are heard.

The outcry came even as President Donald Trump and others increasingly criticize the practice known as "catch and release" in which migrants are freed while subject to deportation.

Federal officials are awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine what caused the death of the 33-year-old Honduran migrant Friday at an Albuquerque hospital. The woman was admitted after showing symptoms of pneumonia, dehydration and complications associated with HIV.

Activists identified the migrant as Roxana Hernandez and said she was part of a highly publicized caravan of Central American asylum seekers who traveled through Mexico to the U.S. border at San Diego last month. The effort drew the attention of Trump, who tweeted that they shouldn't be allowed to enter the U.S.

Authorities listed the woman's name as Jeffry Hernandez when she was taken into custody in San Diego. She was later transferred to El Paso, Texas, and then to a detention center in New Mexico where she was housed in the transgender unit.

She was the sixth detainee to die in ICE custody since October 2017.

Nineteen members of Congress on Wednesday sent a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen, expressing concerns about how LBGTQ migrants are housed and whether they are protected from abuse.

"These individuals, particularly transgender women, are extremely vulnerable to abuse, including sexual assault, while in custody," said the letter signed by U.S. Rep. Kathleen M. Rice, a Democrat from New York, and 18 other U.S. lawmakers.

The letter asked the federal agency to use its discretion to release migrants considered at high risk for abuse so they are safe throughout their immigration proceedings.

The California-based Transgender Law Center and other groups also issued statements demanding that transgender people not be detained by immigration authorities while their cases are being reviewed.

"Immigration and Customs Enforcement clearly cannot detain transgender women safely, and therefore should not detain transgender women at all," said Aaron C. Morris, executive director of New York-based Immigration Equality, a national LGBTQ migrant rights group.

Anandrea Molina, president of Organización Latina de Trans en Texas, said: "The community, now more than ever, needs to organize to protect our most vulnerable, in particular transgender immigrant women who are surrounded by violence on a daily basis."

Organizers from Pueblo Sin Fronteras said Hernandez presented herself to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the San Ysidro port of entry in California on May 9 and asked for asylum. The group questioned whether she received adequate medical care while in federal custody.

She was turned over on May 13 to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which oversees immigration detention centers. Both agencies are part of the Department of Homeland Security.

ICE says all detainees get medical, dental and mental health screening within 12 hours of arriving at a detention facility. Detainees also have access to 24-hour emergency care.

## Current lava flows are hottest, fastest of latest eruption

**HONOLULU** (AP)—The hottest and fastest-moving lava of Kilauea volcano's latest eruption spread across new parts of the Big Island Wednesday, forcing officials to order evacuations in two coastal neighborhoods over fears that the rapidly advancing flows could cut off dwindling escape routes.

Overnight, the lava was moving fast enough to cover about six football fields an hour, according to U.S. Geological Survey scientist Wendy Stovall.

"Hawaii County Civil Defense decided to evacuate all of lower Puna to ensure that people would be able to get out," Stovall said.

Lava gushed across and then along a roadway that leads from the commercial center of Pahoa toward smaller towns and rural farmlands to the east.

About two dozen recent fissures in that area have created towering lava fountains and bone-rattling explosions throughout the eruption. The lava that is currently coming to the surface is the hottest and most fluid to date.

"This is the hottest lava that we've seen in this eruption, even just a matter of 50 degrees centigrade makes a big difference in how quickly lava flows can move and how they behave once the magma exits the vent," Stovall said.

In fact, the current lava eruptions in Puna are as hot as Hawaii's lava will ever get. "It can't get hotter than where we are," Stovall added. "We are pretty much tapping mantle temperatures right now."

One fissure was observed early Wednesday morning spouting lava over 200 feet (61 meters) into the air.

Hawaii County officials said lava destroyed the electric utility's equipment on the highway, which knocked out power to Vacationland and Kapoho Beach Lots.

"You are at risk of being isolated due to possible lava inundation," the Hawaii County Civil Defense agency advised the public.

There were several small earthquakes at Kilauea's summit Wednesday, where the vent inside the volcano's Halemaumau Crater has grown along with a series of explosive eruptions that have sent rock and ash thousands of feet into the sky.


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***REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS***
**PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-008-I8**

***PROCUREMENT/DELIVERY/INSTALLATION OF TWELVE (12) DIGITAL BENCH SCALES WITH DIGITAL DESTOP WEIGHT INDICATORS***

*The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the procurement, delivery, and installation of 12 bench scales for the Saipan International Airport. The proposal package is available beginning May 04, 2018 at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.*

*All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement/Delivery/Installation of twelve (12) Bench Scales (RFP-008-18). One (1) original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than* ***4:00 p.m. Local Time, June 01, 2018****, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened.*

*The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.*

*All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.*

***FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY***

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*EDWARD B. MENDIOLA* *DATE*
*Acting Executive Director*



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
**Office of the Executive Director**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**
**CUC-IFB-18-020**

**REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINES 8 AND 4 AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Removal and relocation of Engine 8 Alternator and Engine No. 4 Frame & Alternator at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, of the removal of the engine frame and alternator assemblies from its foundation, dismantling and further relocation to a designated location as detailed in the bid documents. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **60 calendar days** from the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP).

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non- refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **May 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC power plant Conference Room. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both Pre-Bid and Site Visit.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-18-020 - Removal and relocation of Engine 8 Alternator and Engine No. 4 Frame & Alternator at Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 15, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 31, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager – via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Purchasing Administrator

# Asia

# Pakistan, India agree to stop trading fire in Kashmir

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—Pakistan and India have agreed to stop trading fire, including artillery and small weapons, along the highly militarized frontier in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir and uphold a cease-fire accord dating back 15 years.

After months of routine skirmishes that have killed dozens of soldiers and civilians on both sides, the situation was calm on Wednesday.

Pakistan's military said late Tuesday that local generals reached the understanding using a special hotline set up to defuse tensions in Kashmir, which is split between Indian and Pakistani zones of control. Both nuclear-armed powers claim Kashmir in its entirety, and the territorial dispute has ignited two wars between Pakistan and India since they gained independence in 1947.

Both sides "agreed to undertake sincere measures to improve the existing situation, ensuring peace and avoidance of hardships to the civilians along the borders," the Pakistani military said in a statement.

It said that if future violence occurs in the disputed region, "restraint will be exercised and the matter will be resolved through utilization of existing mechanisms of hotline contacts and border flag meetings at local commander's level."

The Indian army confirmed the agreement and issued the same statement. The two sides also agreed to fully implement a 2003 cease-fire that has been repeatedly violated.

Tensions have soared in recent weeks, as both sides have shelled border posts and villages and used automatic fire along the highly militarized frontier. Each side has accused the other of starting the hostilities in violation of the 2003 accord. This year, the situation worsened as the rivals also fired artillery shells at each other's positions.

The soldiers from the two sides have engaged in fierce border skirmishes along the rugged and mountainous Line of Control which divides Kashmir territory between the two nations, as well as a lower-altitude 200-kilometer (125-mile) boundary separating Indian-controlled Kashmir and the Pakistani province of Punjab, where most of the latest fighting occurred.

On the Indian side, the fighting has driven people from villages along the border, and government buildings have been converted into temporary shelters. Houses have been damaged, and dozens of schools in villages along the frontier have been closed, with authorities advising residents to stay indoors.

The shelling has cast a pall over the holy month of Ramadan in the mostly Muslim region. The shelling typically flares up in the pre-dawn hours, when families are having a meal known as "suhoor" ahead of the daytime fast.

India says 25 civilians and 18 soldiers have been killed this year in over 800 cease-fire violations initiated by Pakistan.

Pakistan accuses Indian forces of more than 1,050 cease-fire violations this year, resulting in the deaths of 28 civilians and injuries to 117 others.

Senior officials at the foreign ministry in Islamabad said Wednesday that Pakistan sees peace talks and negotiations as the only way to resolve all issues between the two sides. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to talk to reporters, insisted that Pakistani troops never deliberately target civilians on the Indian side but only respond to Indian fire in Kashmir.

Sheikh Abdul Qayoom, an analyst based in Srinagar, on the Indian side, said the latest cease-fire is unlikely to hold unless the two countries come to a broader agreement on Kashmir, something that has eluded them for decades.

"India and Pakistan have always agreed to cease fire after a cycle of violence, but that in itself has been a sporadic thing, it has been an episodic peace between these two countries, then they return back to violence," he said.

AP

An Indian woman walks past damage caused by cross border firing, during a lull in shelling between India and Pakistan in Jora Farm village, in Ranbir Singh Pura district, India, Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

## Top North Korean official heads to US for pre-summit talks

**BEIJING** (AP)—A top North Korean official headed to New York on Wednesday for talks aimed at salvaging a summit between Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump on the future of Kim's nuclear program, in the North's highest-level mission to the United States in 18 years.

Associated Press reporters saw Kim Yong Chol at Beijing's airport just after noon. South Korea's Yonhap news agency cited diplomatic sources as saying that Kim was on an Air China flight to New York that departed later Wednesday afternoon.

Yonhap said Kim, who had arrived in Beijing on Tuesday, was traveling with five other North Korean officials.

Kim, one of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's most trusted aides, is a former military intelligence chief and now a vice chairman of the ruling party's central committee.

North Korea's mission to the United Nations in New York is its sole diplomatic presence in the United States. That suggests Kim might have chosen to first go to New York because it would make it easier for him to communicate with officials in Pyongyang, North Korea's capital. North Korea and the United States are still technically at war and have no diplomatic ties because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty

Trump confirmed Tuesday that Kim was to hold talks with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. But it wasn't immediately known what else he would do in the United States. South Korean media speculated that he was carrying a personal letter from Kim Jong Un and may push to travel to Washington to meet with Trump.

Pompeo has traveled to Pyongyang twice in recent weeks for meetings with Kim Jong Un, and has said there is a "shared understanding" between the two sides about what they hope to achieve in talks. South Korean media speculated that Pompeo could make a third trip to Pyongyang after Kim Yong Chol's U.S. trip.

Trump and Kim Jong Un were set to hold their summit June 12 in Singapore, but Trump announced last week that he was pulling out of the meeting. Since then, he has suggested the summit could be back on, and Kim Yong Chol's trip to the U.S. seems to imply that preparations for a meeting could be in the final stages.

Kim Yong Chol's trip comes amid two sets of other pre-summit talks between Washington and Pyongyang.

A team of U.S. officials led by former U.S. nuclear negotiator Sung Kim began talks with North Korean officials at the Korean border village of Panmunjom on Sunday to set the agenda for the summit.

A North Korean delegation led by another of Kim Jong Un's trusted aides, Kim Chang Son, flew to Singapore on Monday night for talks with U.S. officials to discuss logistical issues for the summit. Details of those talks hadn't emerged yet.

North Korea's flurry of diplomatic activity following a torrid run in nuclear weapons and missile tests in 2017 suggests that Kim Jong Un is eager for sanctions relief to build his economy and the international legitimacy the summit with Trump would provide. But there are lingering doubts on whether Kim will ever fully relinquish his nuclear arsenal, which he may see as his only guarantee of survival in a region surrounded by enemies.

## PH chief justice appeals ouster from Supreme Court

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The ousted Philippine chief justice on Wednesday appealed for the reversal of her unprecedented expulsion by fellow Supreme Court judges and warned it could lead to the destruction of judicial independence.

Maria Lourdes Sereno said the 8-6 vote that ousted her from the Supreme Court on May 11 should be reversed, citing a constitutional principle that top judiciary officials can only be removed by congressional impeachment.

She said the path taken by the majority of the court to remove her "by any means can lead only to the destruction of judicial independence and separation of powers."

The vote was on a petition filed by the government solicitor-general that accused Sereno of failing to file her asset disclosures as a state university law professor years ago, a charge she denies. It pre-empted impeachment proceedings against Sereno that were then underway in Congress.

Sereno is a critic of President Rodrigo Duterte, who publicly called for her removal from the 15-member tribunal but denies he had a direct hand in her ouster.

More than half of the 23-member Senate has asked the Supreme Court to review its decision to oust Sereno, calling the ruling a "dangerous precedent" that infringed on the constitutional power of Congress to impeach senior officials.

At least 14 senators signed the resolution, including eight who are allies of Duterte. They are led by then Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III, who has said Sereno can only be removed through congressional impeachment.

Critics have warned of a constitutional crisis if the legislature, specifically the Senate, insists that it has the sole constitutional power to remove Sereno.

Sereno argued in her 205-page appeal to the Supreme Court that her right to due process was violated when six fellow justices, who have testified against her in the House of Representatives impeachment hearings, refused to recuse themselves from the case filed against her in the court "despite their extreme bias" against her.

"This is essentially a plea to the honorable court to do what is right and just," Sereno said. "And the right and just thing to do, as dictated by the respondent's fundamental right to due process, is to disqualify the six honorable justices who had lost the impartiality to hear and decide this case."

# World

## ‘Slain’ Russian journalist turns up alive at news conference

**KIEV, Ukraine** (AP)—To the gasps, whoops and applause of stunned colleagues, Russian journalist Arkady Babchenko walked into a news conference Wednesday, less than a day after police in the Ukrainian capital said he had been assassinated.

Authorities said his death had been staged to foil a plot on his life by Moscow’s security services and one arrest was made. Russia denounced the faked killing as an outlandish attempt at defamation by its neighbor and foe.

Even Babchenko’s wife was unaware of the deception, and the 41-year-old Kremlin critic who fled to Ukraine 15 months ago apologized to her “for the hell she had to go through in the past two days. There was no choice there, either.”

Neither Babchenko nor Ukrainian Security Service chief Vasyl Gritsak gave details of the sting operation or how they made his wife believe he was dead.

Kiev Police Chief Andriy Krishchenko had announced Babchenko’s death Tuesday, saying the journalist’s wife found him bleeding at their apartment building in Kiev but that he died en route to the hospital. Lawmaker Anton Gerashchenko, an adviser to the interior minister, said the assailant had waited on a staircase in the building and shot Babchenko in the back as he was going to buy bread.

AP

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, left, Russian journalist Arkady Babchenko, center, and Vasily Gritsak, head of the Ukrainian Security Service speak during their meeting in Kiev, Ukraine, Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

Russian journalist Arkady Babchenko turned up at a news conference in the Ukrainian capital on Wednesday less than 24 hours after police reported he had been shot and killed at his Kiev apartment building. (May 30)

Just hours before the shooting was reported, Babchenko wrote on Facebook that he considered the day a “second birthday” because it was the fourth anniversary of his missing a flight on a Ukrainian military helicopter that later was shot down in the conflict between Ukraine and Moscow-backed separatists in the eastern part of the country.

At the start of Wednesday’s news conference, Gritsak announced the journalist’s murder had been solved and called the day Babchenko’s “third birthday.”

Babchenko, clad in a black sweatshirt, walked into the room as other reporters gasped and exclaimed their surprise, then broke into applause.

“I’m still alive,” an uneasy-looking Babchenko said with a straight face. Then he apologized for the deception.

“I know that sickening feeling when you bury a colleague,” he added.

The news conference produced mixed emotions.

“I was shocked. But then a feeling of happiness rose up,” said Serhii Nuzhnenko, a freelance journalist.

Babchenko said he was not allowed to go into the details of his false death. He said Ukraine’s law enforcement had been aware of a contract on his head for two months. He said he was approached by the Ukrainian Security Service, or SBU, a month ago.

“The important thing is my life has been saved and other, bigger terrorist attacks have been thwarted,” he said.

It also was unclear why authorities decided to go to such lengths to make it look as if Babchenko was dead.

Gritsak said investigators had identified a Ukrainian citizen who allegedly was paid $40,000 by the Russian security service to organize and carry out the hit. The unidentified Ukrainian man in turn allegedly hired an acquaintance to be the gunman, he added.

The suspected organizer of the alleged hit plot was detained Wednesday, Gritsak said, suggesting the bogus killing was aimed at flushing him out, and he showed a video of the arrest.

Killing Babchenko was part of a larger alleged plot by Russian security services, Gritsak said. The Ukrainian man also was supposed to procure large quantities of weapons and explosives, including 300 AK-47 rifles and “hundreds of kilos of explosives,” to perpetrate acts of terror in Ukraine, he said.

## Killings by Belgian inmate treated as terror; IS claims role

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—A Belgian prison inmate who killed four people while on furlough committed “terrorist murder” and likely intended to cause more harm, prosecutors said Wednesday as authorities searched for possible accomplices and the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the bloodshed.

The convict who stabbed two police officers in the city of Liege and used their handguns to kill them and a bystander was a “soldier of the caliphate,” IS said in a brief statement on the site of its Aamaq news agency.

Such wording is typical of the claims IS makes even when slaying suspects have not been linked directly to the terror group. Belgian authorities have not said if they have evidence the inmate had vowed allegiance to IS or was acting on its orders.

Interior Minister Jan Jambon noted that Benjamin Herman, the Belgian national named as the Liege killer, killed a fourth person on Monday night away from the eastern industrial town.

Herman, 31, a convert to Islam, was known to local authorities as a repeat offender involved in petty crime and drugs. He spent most of his time in prison since 2003 and was on a two-day leave when he launched his attack. Police shot him dead not long after.

Officials said Wednesday that the death toll from the attack outside a Liege cafe might have been higher if the bar owner and a cleaning lady had acted with less skill and courage.

Herman first stabbed the officers repeatedly from behind with a knife, stole their handguns and shot them as they lay on the ground.

The cafe owner quickly hustled patrons out of sight as the gunman went in and out of the establishment.

Crossing the road, Herman shot a 22-year old passenger in a car and shouted “Allahu akbar,” the Arabic phrase for “God is great,” several times, authorities said.

Herman then took a cleaning woman hostage at a nearby school. Imaankaf Darifa, the hostage, told The Associated Press she tried to keep him away from the children.

“I told him: ‘You are in a school here, you cannot come in a school, it is not right what you are doing,’” Darifa recalled.

Her captor asked if she were Muslim and she told him she was. He then asked if she were observing the holy month of Ramadan.

“I answered yes. So he told me, ‘I won’t harm you,’” Darifa said.

She said Herman directed her to ask the police stationed outside the school to leave. When the officers refused to do so, the gunman threw out his identity card.

Then, Darifa said, “he walked out, and I left. Then there was the guns and they killed him.”

Prime Minister Charles Michel and King Philippe visited her in hospital, where she was being treated for shock.

## Gaza’s Hamas rulers say cease-fire reached with Israel

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip** (AP)—Gaza’s Hamas rulers said Wednesday they had agreed to a cease-fire with Israel to end the largest flare-up of violence between the two sides since a 2014 war.

Khalil al-Hayya, a senior Hamas official, said Egyptian mediators intervened “after the resistance succeeded in warding off the aggression.” He said militant groups in Gaza will commit to the cease-fire as long as Israel does.

Israeli Cabinet minister Arieh Deri told Israel’s Army Radio that he expected calm to be restored.

“If it will be quiet, we will respond with quiet. We’ve given Hamas a chance to prove that we can return to routine ... If they release the reins there will be a very painful strike,” he said. “There is a good chance that the routine will be restored after the blow the army unleashed on them.”

The Israeli military struck dozens of militant sites in Gaza overnight as rocket fire continued toward southern Israeli communities into early Wednesday morning, setting off air raid sirens in the area throughout the night.

The military said it hit drone storage facilities, military compounds, and rocket and munition workshops across the Gaza Strip. The overnight Hamas rocket fire reached the city of Netivot for the first time since the 2014 war. A home was struck, but no one was wounded.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel gave Palestinian militant groups in Gaza “the strongest blow dealt to them in years,” and warned against renewed rocket fire.

“When they try us, they pay immediately. And if they continue to try us, they will pay a lot more,” Netanyahu said at a ceremony in Tel Aviv.

But neither Israel nor the Palestinian factions in Gaza went full bore in their attacks, a sign that neither side was interested in escalating hostilities. Militants in Gaza did not fire long-range rockets at Israel’s major cities, as they did in 2014, and Israeli airstrikes zeroed in on only unmanned military targets.

With neither side appearing interested in a full-blown conflict, a tense calm appeared to be holding Wednesday as Israeli children went to school in the morning.

The border area has been tense in recent weeks as Palestinians have held mass protests aimed at lifting an Israeli-Egyptian blockade imposed after Hamas seized power in 2007.

Israeli fire has killed more than 110 Palestinians, most of them during the Hamas-led protests, which climaxed on May 14.

Israel and Hamas are bitter enemies and have fought three wars since the Islamic militant group seized control of Gaza in 2007.

The last war, in 2014, was especially devastating, with over 2,000 Palestinians killed, including hundreds of civilians, and widespread damage inflicted on Gaza’s infrastructure in 50 days of fighting. Seventy-two people were killed on the Israeli side.

A crippling Israeli-Egyptian blockade, imposed when Hamas took power, has meanwhile brought the local economy to a standstill.

# Off The Wall

## Science says: Ambien odd side effects 'do not include racism'

Ambien and similar sleep aids are well-known for sometimes causing some weird behavioral side effects, but changing one's political or cultural views is not one of them.

Roseanne Barr partly blamed the insomnia drug in explaining a tweet that led ABC to cancel her show: "It was 2 in the morning and I was Ambien tweeting," she wrote.

Until this week, Ambien's most headline-grabbing behavioral side effect was "sleep-driving," essentially sleepwalking except getting behind the wheel and going for a drive with no memory of doing so.

But people also have reported making phone calls, eating meals, having sex and doing other things that they don't remember after taking so-called "sedative-hypnotic" medications. People charged with crimes occasionally even have tried "the Ambien defense."

Doctors call these "complex sleep behaviors." On its official Ambien labeling, manufacturer Sanofi calls the side effects "abnormal thinking and behavioral changes" — changes that can include decreased inhibition.

"It's behavior that's done when the individual is in a sense both asleep and awake at the same time," explained University of Pittsburgh sleep medicine specialist Dr. Daniel Buysse. It's not so different from how people sometimes behave under the influence of alcohol, he added, and it can be hard to tell if the behavior really was due to the drug.

And while it's not clear how common such side effects are, Ambien's instructions clearly state: Take it right before you get into bed, and only if you plan to stay there for 7 or 8 hours.

"You should take it and lie down. Read a book or something" but don't wander around or get on the computer or do other things waiting for the medicine to kick in, said Dr. Marc Schlosberg, a sleep medicine specialist at MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

Sanofi said Wednesday in a tweet that "while all pharmaceutical treatments have side effects, racism is not a known side effect of any Sanofi medication."

Barr later tweeted that she has had odd experiences while taking the drug late at night. "I blame myself, not Ambien," she tweeted. ***(AP)***

**VALET PARKING**

Australia Thursday, May 31, 2018. Australian media say a valet drove the soft-top Porsche Carrera under another vehicle Thursday outside the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sydney. Emergency workers cut the driver out from the Porsche as a crowd watched.

AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORP. VIA AP

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Escaped boa constrictor found in owner's upstate NY home

**BINGHAMTON, N.Y.** (AP)—A 6-foot-long boa constrictor reported loose in Binghamton, New York, has been found—beneath the owner's kitchen sink. A Facebook post by the Broome County Humane Society on behalf of the owner said the pet snake escaped its enclosure earlier this week and was last seen near the high school. The county office of emergency services issued a statement Tuesday saying people should "exercise caution and keep small children and small animals away" if they came across the snake. But on Wednesday morning, the reptile's owner told local media that Bella the boa had apparently never left his apartment building and was found safe in his kitchen.

Red-tailed boa constrictors eat small mammals, killing their prey by squeezing them to death. They're typically docile as pets.

### Woman finds goat head on car hood

**BOSTON** (AP)—A woman woke up to find a gruesome sight on her car in the Boston neighborhood of Hyde Park. The woman found a bloody goat head on her car hood early Tuesday morning with a photo of herself tucked under the windshield wiper blades. The woman was walking her dog up Garfield Avenue around 6 a.m. and noticed the head of the animal. Police say she drove her car about half a mile to the Hyde Park branch of the Boston Police Department with the grisly scene still intact. Animal control removed the head, and officers are searching for more evidence. They are asking the public for surveillance video in the neighborhood. No suspects have been arrested.

### Man climbs into Dunkin' Donuts window, immediately leaves

**METHUEN, Mass.** (AP)—Perhaps they ran out of Boston Kremes. A man accused of climbing into the drive-thru window of a Massachusetts Dunkin' Donuts and then promptly climbing right back out has been apprehended. Police say they responded to a security alarm at a shop in Methuen on Sunday morning and saw video surveillance footage showing a man pushing the drive-thru window open and climbing into the store. He immediately turned and left out the window. Officials arrested the man Sunday evening but not identified him. In a Facebook post that included the security footage , police did not say if the man stole anything from the Dunkin' Donuts, or if he has any affiliation with the store.

TO HER ETERNAL HOME
Patricia Marie Kaipat
Lovingly known as "Patty"
[August 27, 1978 – May 26, 2018]
walked the path to her new home on May 26, 2018 and is happily greeted and reunited at Heavenly Gate with her Dad, †Nonito I. Roligat, Grandparents; †Maria M. Itibus, †Jesus A. Roligat, †Ramon R. Kaipat, and †Maria C. Lizama
In life, Patty lived a joyful, happy, peaceful, and most of all a loving life, always with the beauty of a smile on her face. Her esteemed personality displayed her patience, caring and supportive kindness, which made her special to many. Patty dedicated her life to the war against cancer. As an advocate, she spent countless hours organizing outreach events at schools, homes, churches, businesses, and government offices driving the mission of our organization-encouraging the members of the community to get screened for cancer, promoting education about all types of cancers and their risk factors, advocating for better laws to protect our children and help create healthier communities, and simply giving hope and relief to those fighting cancer.
Her dedication, commitment and especially her love as a daughter, wife, and a mother, will be greatly missed by her Mom, Common law Husband and children-
Marina Lizama Kaipat,
Thyrone Edward Peter Kileleman,
Hekido Pius, Kitanah Dominique, Raymond Oden Mwongsor,
Michael Vicente Tilsormeng, and Tyree Eoin
Her peaceful spirit and loving memories will forever be in her hearts of her siblings and their families-
Ray Anthony Kaipat/Antonette Cabrera, Peter Mathew Roligat/ Loreen Bertha Tagabuel, Ronald, Albert Patrick, Vicente/ Frances Taga, and Roland Joseph
She will be greatly missed by her numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren and many friends she bonded with.
Patty will be with us for the last time on Monday, June 4, 2018. Last respects may be paid at Mt. Carmel Cathedral, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mass, Rosponso, Rosary and viewing will follow. Mass for Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., followed immediately with interment service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where she will be laid to peaceful rest.
Your prayers, thoughts and presence are sincerely appreciated.
THE FAMILY

# Science & Technology

## Do your back a favor and get a sit-stand desk

By HAROLD GLICKEN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

After all is said and done, I'm a standup kind of guy. Literally.

When I asked my doctor why I was having chronic back pain, he asked me how I sat at the computer. I slouch, he observed, which is causing pressure on my lower back. He prescribed a sit-stand desk, which moves up and down. When I start getting fatigued from standing, I lower the desk to a sitting level.

After some research on Amazon.com and other websites, I settled on the ApexDesk. The six-foot-wide desk has room for a PC with a 25-inch monitor, an iMac with a 27-inch monitor, a printer and a few smaller peripherals, including a scanner. This model, which is motorized, can go from 30 inches high to nearly 5 feet. My doctor cautioned me not to get a manual, or crank, model because the exertion of raising and lowering the desk might cause another kind of back pain. The table has memory settings.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The six-foot-wide ApexDesk has room for a PC with a 25-inch monitor, an iMac with a 27-inch monitor, a printer and a few smaller peripherals, including a scanner.

I hope you're sitting down for this: The 71-inch ApexDesk model costs $629 from Amazon. If you don't have room for a 6-foot-wide desk, smaller, less expensive models are available. If you already have a large desk, there are "risers," which stand atop the desk and have limited up-and-down ranges. Some of those are in the $200 to $300 range. You also might consider a monitor arm (more about those in a future column).

I also bought a $35 rubber mat from Amazon. The mat reduces fatigue when I'm standing. I move it so my chair can get up close to the PC when I'm sitting.

My son, who has average technical skills, assembled the desk in less than two hours. Expect to pay around $100 to have a pro do it.

Take it from a standup kind of guy: get a sit-stand desk. Your back will thank you.

## California moves a step closer to its own net neutrality rules

By LEVI SUMAGAYSAY
THE MERCURY NEWS

The California State Senate on Wednesday approved a net neutrality bill that has been called the "gold standard" of such bills in the nation, as states grapple with a controversial repeal of Obama-era federal rules meant to ensure an open internet.

The state senate voted 23 to 12 to adopt SB 822, the bill by State Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, in another rebuke to the Trump administration on this issue.

The majority-Republican Federal Communications Commission, led by Chairman Ajit Pai, who was named to his position by President Trump, repealed the 2015 Open Internet Rules. Pai said the net neutrality rules amounted to government overreach and hurts broadband investment.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Senate voted to overturn the repeal, but the effort still has to go through the House, then President Trump. Some senators said the FCC ignored the will of the people. A recent poll by the University of Maryland showed that 86 percent of Americans opposed the repeal of net neutrality rules.

"Today the California State Senate read the writing on the wall, sided with the public, and voted to defy Ajit Pai and enact strong protections against ISP censorship and abuse," said Evan Greer, deputy director for advocacy group Fight for the Future, in a statement Wednesday.

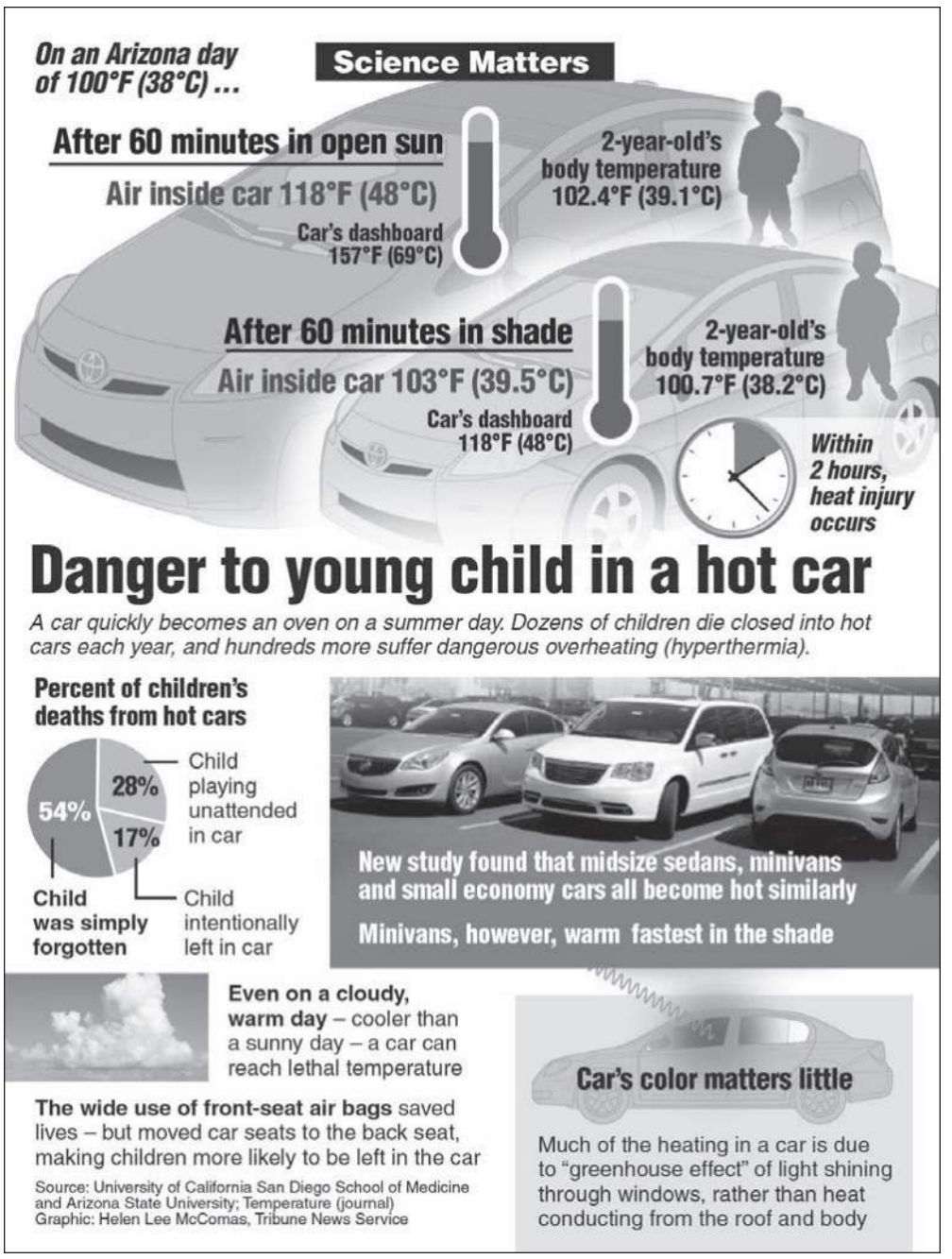
California and other states, such as New York, Washington, Montana and others, have established or are working to establish their own net neutrality rules since the FCC voted in December to repeal regulations prohibiting traffic discrimination by the companies that control the internet's pipes.

Those companies, such as AT&T and Comcast, lobbied against the California bill. Along with a couple of other industry groups, they spent nearly $1 million during the first quarter to fight bills such as SB 822.

A Comcast spokeswoman said this week that the company would have no comment about California's bill, but pointed to Comcast's previous statements that it does not block, slow or discriminate against internet content.

AT&T has not yet returned a request for comment Wednesday.

During the discussion prior to the vote, Wiener addressed concerns about California going its own way on the issue that the opposition says should be handled on the federal level.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Car's dashboard 157°F (69°C)
2-year-old's body temperature 102.4°F (39.1°C)
After 60 minutes in shade
Air inside car 103°F (39.5°C)
Car's dashboard 118°F (48°C)
2-year-old's body temperature 100.7°F (38.2°C)
Within 2 hours, heat injury occurs
Danger to young child in a hot car
A car quickly becomes an oven on a summer day. Dozens of children die closed into hot cars each year, and hundreds more suffer dangerous overheating (hyperthermia).
Percent of children's deaths from hot cars
54%
28%
Child playing unattended in car
17%
Child was simply forgotten
Child intentionally left in car
New study found that midsize sedans, minivans and small economy cars all become hot similarly
Minivans, however, warm fastest in the shade
Even on a cloudy, warm day – cooler than a sunny day – a car can reach lethal temperature
The wide use of front-seat air bags saved lives – but moved car seats to the back seat, making children more likely to be left in the car
Car's color matters little
Much of the heating in a car is due to "greenhouse effect" of light shining through windows, rather than heat conducting from the roof and body
Source: University of California San Diego School of Medicine and Arizona State University; Temperature (journal)
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

## Tech Q&A: Keeping PC data safe in the cloud

**Q: I'm using Google Drive, Google's online storage service, with Windows 10 PC. But many things remain unclear. Do document files on Google and my PC automatically sync with each other? Do I now have duplicate files and should I delete one of them? Should I just delete the Windows My Documents file?**

**Also, why are some Microsoft Word documents I have stored in Google Drive altered, so that they have to be converted back to Word format when I download them? In addition, why does Google Drive say my files take up far more storage space online than they did on my PC?**

By STEVE ALEXANDER
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**A:** Google Drive is an online storage service that can act either as overflow storage for your PC (you keep files online, not on your PC) or as automatic backup for PC files (you keep synchronized copies of the files on both your PC and online.) (For an overview, see tinyurl.com/ycyva98s).

To use Google Drive as overflow storage, use the Windows drag-and-drop method. Highlight a file with the left mouse button, hold down the button, "drag" the file to the web browser window where Google Drive is open, then release the button. You now have a duplicate on Google Drive, so you can delete the one on your PC.

(Note: Never store valuable files in just one place. Keep backups on a flash drive or an external hard drive.)

To use Google Drive for automatic file backup, set up a "sync" folder on your PC (go to tinyurl.com/phabz6v and under "Personal backup and sync" click "download.) If you use your PC to make changes to files in the sync folder, those changes will automatically be copied to Google Drive. But remember that these are not duplicate files. If you delete the PC file, sync may delete the Google Drive file as well (see "choose how items are deleted" at tinyurl.com/h3v-nokd). (For uploading details, see tinyurl.com/y7ee8f45).

Should you delete your PC's "My Documents" folder? No, it's part of Windows.

Why are your Word documents altered on Google Drive? If you view Word files on Google Drive, they are converted to Google Docs files. If you download those files, they are reconverted to Word format. To avoid that, use the Google Chrome browser and download the add-on program "Office Editing for Docs, Sheets & Slides" (see tinyurl.com/ybvtow6u).

Why does Google Drive say it's storing more data than you uploaded? Because Drive also stores the e-mails from your Gmail account, as well as any pictures you have uploaded to Google Photos. All three programs share 15 gigabytes of free online storage space.

**Q: My two-year-old HP PC shuts down by itself. What's wrong?**

**A:** This is a common problem with HP PCs. The cause could be bad driver software (software that connects a PC component to Windows), a PC hardware flaw (the main circuit board, for instance) or a problem with the BIOS ("basic input-output system") software that underlies Windows.

You may need to take the PC to a repair shop. But first, you can try a taking two-hour online diagnostic test and updating the drivers and BIOS (see tinyurl.com/y888emjk). The same page contains contact information for HP technical support.

# Life & Style

## Weinstein indicted in sex case; lawyer says he'll fight it

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Harvey Weinstein was indicted Wednesday on rape and criminal sex act charges, furthering the first criminal case to arise from a slate of sexual misconduct allegations against the former movie mogul.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said the indictment brings Weinstein "another step closer to accountability" for alleged attacks on two women in New York.

Weinstein's lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, said he would "vigorously defend" against the indictment and ask a court to dismiss it. He called the allegations "unsupported" and reiterated that Weinstein strongly denies them.

The indictment came hours after Weinstein's lawyer said the film producer would decline to testify before the grand jury because there wasn't enough time to prepare him and "political pressure" made an indictment unavoidable.

"Regardless of how compelling Mr. Weinstein's personal testimony might be, an indictment was inevitable due to the unfair political pressure being placed on Cy Vance to secure a conviction of Mr. Weinstein," the statement said.

Weinstein, 66, learned of the specific charges and the accusers' identities only after turning himself in Friday, according to his lawyers. Brafman said that with a deadline set for Wednesday afternoon for Weinstein to testify or not, prosecutors denied his request for more time.

Vance said the Weinstein camp's "recent assault on the integrity of the survivors and the legal process is predictable."

"We are confident that when the jury hears the evidence, it will reject these attacks out of hand," Vance said in a statement.

Weinstein was charged Friday with raping one woman and committing a criminal sex act by compelling oral sex from another. A grand jury continued hearing evidence in the case, as it had been doing for weeks.

Defendants have the right to testify in a grand jury's secret proceedings but often don't, for various reasons.

AP
In this May 25, 2018 file photo, Harvey Weinstein listens during a court proceeding in New York.

Freed on $1 million bail and electronic monitoring, he is due back in court July 30, though that date may now be moved up in light of the indictment.

Beyond the two women involved in the case, dozens more women have accused Weinstein of sexual misconduct ranging from harassment to assault in various locales.

He has denied all allegations of nonconsensual sex, and Brafman said Tuesday that Weinstein was "confident he's going to clear his name" in the New York prosecution.

Brafman called the rape allegation "absurd," saying that the accuser and Weinstein had a decade-long, consensual sexual relationship that began before and continued after the alleged 2013 attack.

## Michael Jackson's estate sues Disney, ABC over TV special

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The estate of Michael Jackson sued ABC and parent company Disney on Wednesday, saying a two-hour documentary on the singer's last days improperly used the King of Pop's songs, music videos and movies.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Los Angeles alleges that last week's special, "The Last Days of Michael Jackson," illegally uses significant excerpts of his most valuable songs, including "Billie Jean" and "Bad," and music videos, including "Thriller" and "Black or White."

It also says ABC used clips from the estate's 2016 Spike Lee-directed documentary, "Michael Jackson's Journey from Motown to Off the Wall," and from the 2009 feature film "Michael Jackson's This is It."

The lawsuit alleges at least 30 violations and seeks unspecified damages and an injunction against further use of the estate's intellectual property.

It frequently cites Disney's aggressive defense of its own copyrights and its normally narrow view of "fair use," the doctrine in copyright law that says short excerpts can be used for news, criticism and research.

"Like Disney, the lifeblood of the estate's business is its intellectual property," the lawsuit says. "Yet for some reason, Disney decided it could just use the estate's most valuable intellectual property for free."

Representatives from ABC said they had not yet reviewed the lawsuit but reiterated a statement from last week that the special was a piece of journalism and "did not infringe on his estate's rights."

As a work of news, the special would be entitled to fair use of excerpts of Jackson's work, but the lawsuit dismisses the idea that the documentary had any news value, calling it "a mediocre look back at Michael Jackson's life and entertainment career."

The lawsuit says warning letters sent to Disney attorneys before the airing went unanswered.

The special focused on Jackson's apparent decline in the run-up to his death on June 25, 2009. The 50-year-old left behind heirs that include his mother and three children.

Jackson died of acute intoxication of propofol, a prescription anesthetic he had been taking as a sleep aid during preparations for a series of comeback concerts.

## Julia Roberts to present AFI award to George Clooney

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Julia Roberts is stepping out to present her longtime friend and frequent co-star George Clooney with one of the highest honors in film.

The American Film Institute says Wednesday that Roberts will be on hand to give Clooney the 46th AFI Life Achievement Award at a gala to be held at the Dolby Theatre on June 7.

Roberts has co-starred with Clooney in a number of films including "Ocean's Eleven," "Ocean's Twelve" and "Money Monster." She also starred in his directorial debut "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind."

The AFI tribute to Clooney will be broadcast on TNT on June 21 at 10:00 p.m. Eastern and Pacific.

## Weezer releases cover of 'Africa' after social media push

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Weezer has released a cover of Toto's "Africa" after a teenage fan pressed the group for months on social media to record the song.

The teen, known as @weezerafrica, jokingly started lobbying the 1990s band on Twitter in December. The campaign gained followers.

Weezer released a cover of Toto's "Rosanna" on May 24. But the teen was not satisfied. The group rolled out "Africa" on Tuesday.

In a statement, Weezer drummer Pat Wilson called it "victory over culture." He said "The Weez inhabits the boundaries between multiple dimensions."

Toto guitarist Steve Lukather tweeted he was flattered with the "Rosanna" cover.

The teen has not immediately responded to a request for comment.

## Rescinded vacation invitation causes bad blood in family

DEAR ABBY: My son "Jeff" is wealthy and lives in another state with his wife and family. His wife has now moved her mother to where they live and she works for my son. Jeff and his family take vacations several times a year in the U.S. and out of it, and always include her mother or her father and his wife.

Two months ago, he invited his sister and niece to go with them. They were very excited, but a few days later he called them and said his wife wanted her mother to go, so the invitation was withdrawn.

My son and his wife don't think they did anything wrong, but there have been bad feelings ever since, and they continue to take her family everywhere. How would you handle this? Would you keep silent or speak to them?

NOT INVITED IN OKLAHOMA

**DEAR NOT INVITED: It appears your son's wife rules the roost. I don't blame your daughter for feeling hurt, because what your son did was insensitive and rude.**

**The problem with keeping silent is that hurt feelings fester and grow. If it were I, I wouldn't fume in silence. Your daughter should talk to her brother about what happened, and point out how hurtful rescinding the invitation was to her and her daughter. Getting it off her chest may make her feel better.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 69-year-old woman. I look my age because, unlike most of my friends, I don't color my hair. Sometimes when I'm shopping—such as in a grocery store -- employees call me "young lady," as in "How are you today, young lady?" I find it condescending. Why is it necessary to make reference to my age? Obviously, they don't think I'm young at all. What would you say in these situations?

IRRITATED IN SAN DIEGO

**DEAR IRRITATED: You are asking a question I receive often. Older women not only resent being called "young lady," they also dislike being called "honey" and "sweetie" by someone who doesn't know them well. Because it bothers you, tell the person, "I know you're trying to be nice, but in the future, please use my name or call me 'ma'am.'" This is something you might also mention to the store manager, so he or she can remind the staff that not everyone appreciates the over-familiarity.**

**DEAR ABBY:** Recently, on an airline flight, the passenger next to me put her feet (with shoes on) onto the headrest in front of her. No one was in the seat. Since she had her headphones on, I tapped her on the shoulder and indicated that it was unsanitary to put one's feet where normally a passenger's head should be. I got a dirty look for my efforts, and the young woman made quite a scene.

Should I have ignored the situation, or said something to the flight attendants? What do you recommend?

UNSANITARY IN THE EAST

**DEAR UNSANITARY: If you had quietly alerted the flight attendants and let them handle it, you would have spared yourself the unpleasantness you experienced. That's what I would recommend.**

*Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

### DEAR ABBY

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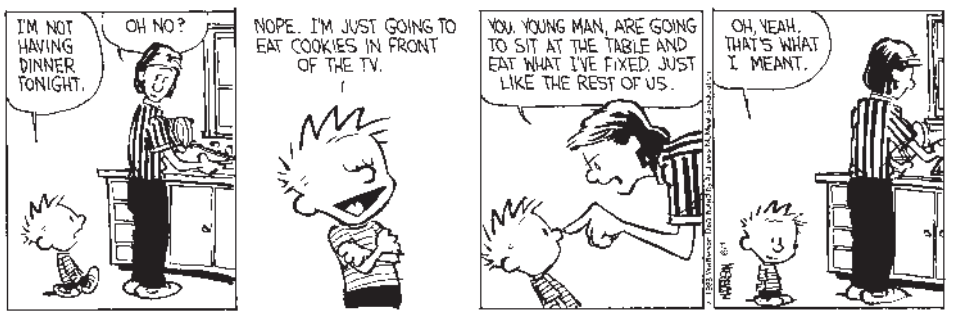
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

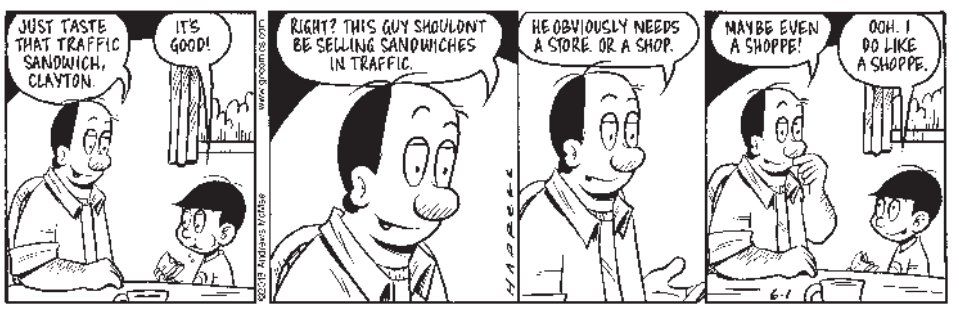

I'M NOT HAVING DINNER TONIGHT.
OH NO?
NOPE. I'M JUST GOING TO EAT COOKIES IN FRONT OF THE TV.
YOU, YOUNG MAN, ARE GOING TO SIT AT THE TABLE AND EAT WHAT I'VE FIXED, JUST LIKE THE REST OF US.
OH, YEAH. THAT'S WHAT I MEANT.

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

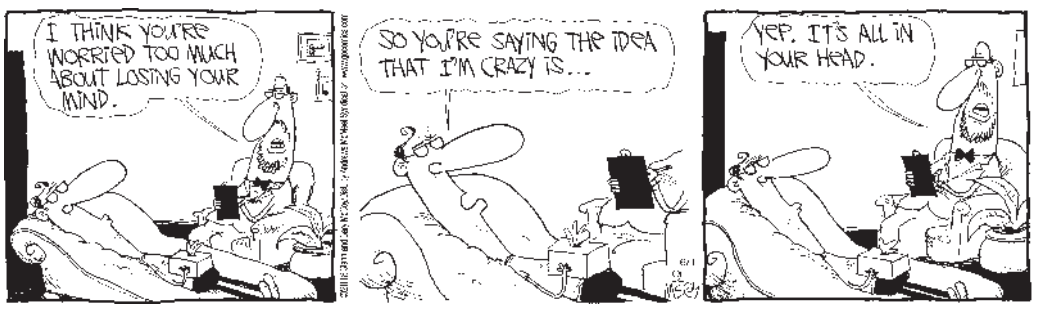
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


JUST TASTE THAT TRAFFIC SANDWICH, CLAYTON.
IT'S GOOD!
RIGHT? THIS GUY SHOULDN'T BE SELLING SANDWICHES IN TRAFFIC.
HE OBVIOUSLY NEEDS A STORE. OR A SHOP.
MAYBE EVEN A SHOPPE!
OOH. I DO LIKE A SHOPPE.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
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4 Morning moisture
7 Cable company device
12 "Hail, Caesar!"
13 Lennon's love
14 Select group
15 "Now, where — I?"
16 "Rebel Without a Cause" actor
18 Petty peeve
19 Alpha's opposite
20 No neatnik
22 Chang's brother
23 Chasm
27 Right angle
29 Northerner
31 Welsh pooch
34 "SNL" producer Michaels
35 Thick woolen fabrics
37 Einstein's birthplace
38 Membership
39 Male turkey
41 Jittery
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48 1930s Hall of Fame pitcher
52 PBS funder
53 Lieu
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55 Scull tool
56 Jousting weapon
57 NASCAR sponsor
58 ACLU issues

**DOWN**
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5 Nail polish
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9 Conk out
10 Greek vowel
11 Gents
17 Like custard
21 Sire
23 Garden statuette
24 Kiev's land (Abbr.)
25 Cariou of Broadway
26 Service charge
28 Cover
30 100 percent
31 Dol. fractions
32 Have debts
33 Actor Stephen
36 Poker variety
37 German vowel topper
40 Two-tone cookies
42 Blood giver
43 "Terrific!"
44 Decade parts
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**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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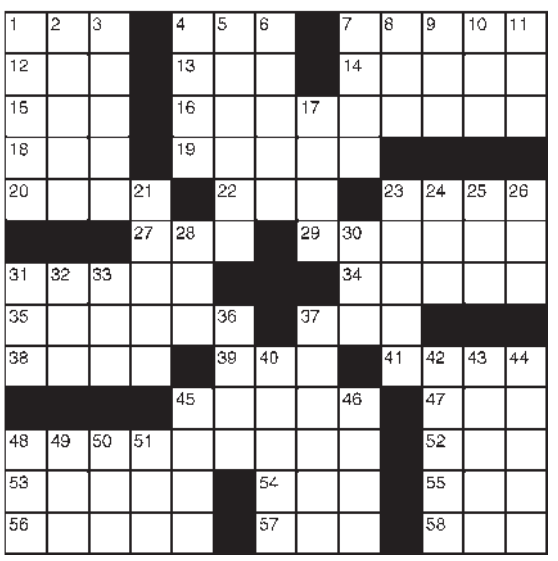

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**Happy Birthday:** Stay in touch with people, and look for trends that will separate you from the crowd. Use your intelligence, fortitude and drive to push your way to the top. It's your turn to expand your interests, knowledge and activities to ensure you live a well-rounded life that offers opportunity, adventure and satisfaction. Test your beliefs and make lifelong adjustments. Your numbers are 5, 16, 24, 27, 32, 37, 40.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Take time to do something nice for someone. A kind word or gesture will go a long way. Don't let people who complain and criticize ruin your day. A positive attitude and a kind heart will make you feel good. ✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* The changes you incorporate into your everyday routine should include people who have made a difference in your life. Siblings, parents and close friends will rally around if you need help. Romance will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* A day trip will lead to an interesting discovery that will help you let go of something that has been holding you back. Revise your plans to suit your goals, and don't stop until you reach your destination. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Look for unique alternatives when it comes to social activities, personal improvements and professional opportunities. Choosing to use your attributes in a diverse manner will lead to greater success and satisfaction. ✪✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Your generosity and desire to help others will put you in a good position when it comes to popularity but may cause problems for you if you overstep your financial capabilities. Don't make promises you cannot keep. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* There is plenty you can do if you are willing to accept change. Learn from those who are eager to try something new and willing to do things differently in hopes of improving personally, emotionally and creatively. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Take care of your responsibilities; leave no room for error. Someone will use any excuse to criticize you or make you look bad. Focus on getting things done and taking care of your responsibilities. Take better care of your health. ✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Don't let uncertainty stand between you and making overdue changes. Take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself; see where it leads. Someone unique will offer insightful advice. A retreat or self-help course will change your outlook. ✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* You'll be tempted to say too much. Problems will arise when dealing with someone you are in a relationship with. Whether it's a friend, lover or relative, you are better off listening first and responding courteously. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* A change at home will do you good. Make decisions and plans with the people you live with to make sure you are all on the same page. A team effort will ensure you get everything done to specification. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Push start and make your way to the finish line. Set your goals and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you have achieved. Talk alone won't cut it, but follow through with action and you will make a lasting impression. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* An emotional journey will take you through highs and lows, but in the end, the changes that come about will improve your life and send you in a welcome direction. Get your priorities straight and live, love and laugh. ✪✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are inquisitive, chatty and enthusiastic. You are innovative and enchanting.

*(To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.)*

## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

**SKIFFLE MUSIC** **Solution: 12 letters**

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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 21, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 14th day of May 2018.
Clerk of Court
/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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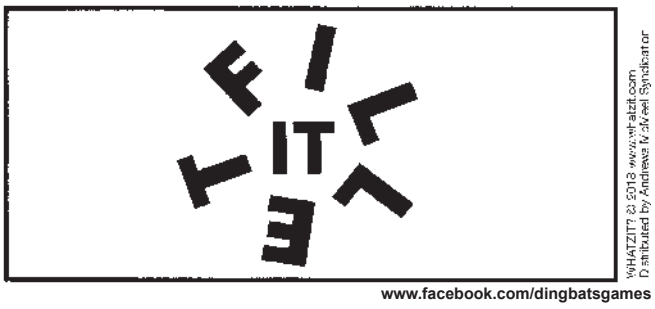


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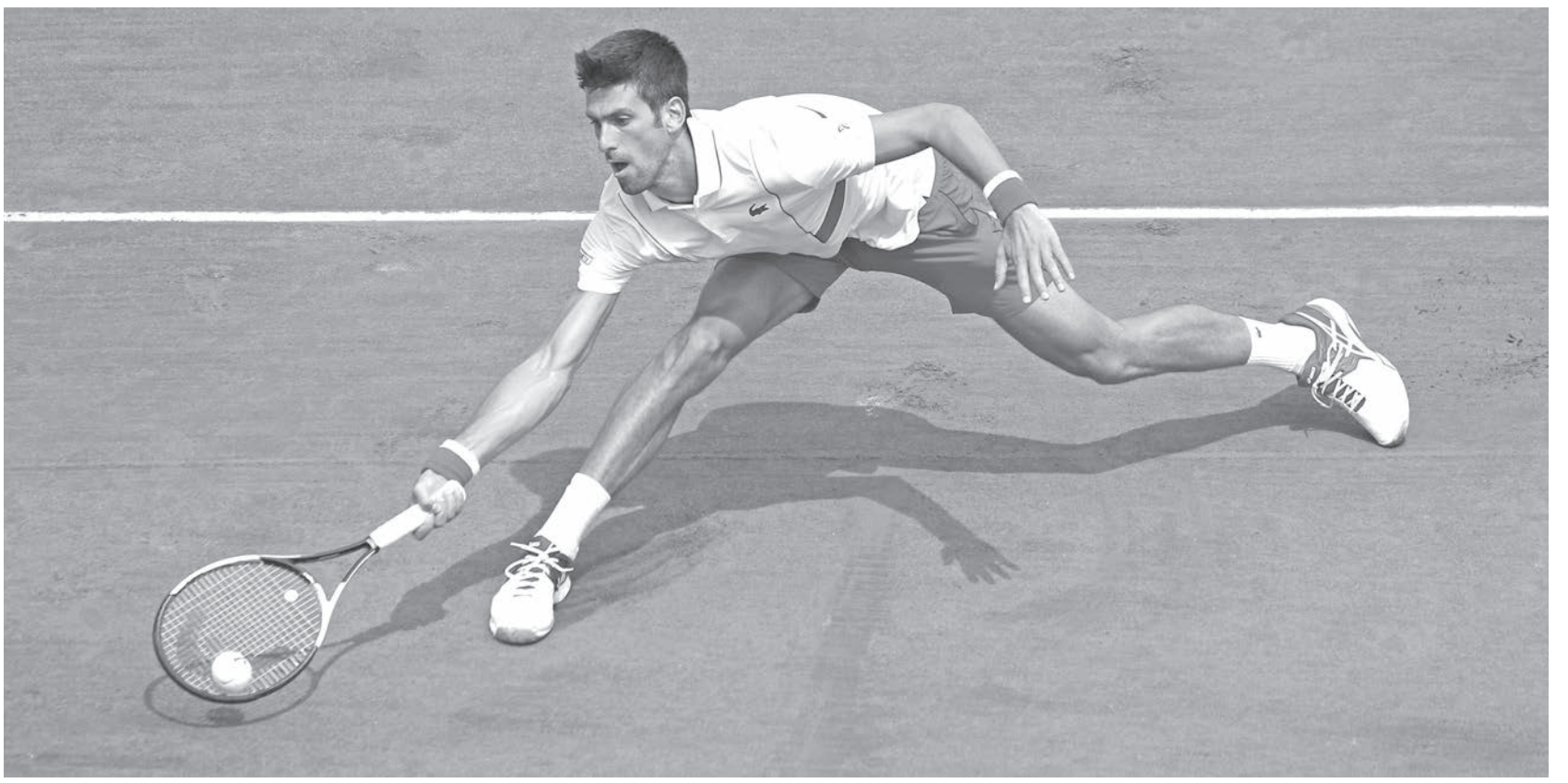
# Struggling Djokovic reaches third round



AP

Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns a shot against Spain's Jaume Munar during their second round match in the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

**PARIS** (AP)—Despite all of Novak Djokovic's success over the years—the 12 major championships, the career Grand Slam, the time ranked No. 1—he still finds himself searching for self-confidence these days.

That's what an elbow injury and forced absence from the ATP tour can do to a player.

Djokovic was reflective and revealing Wednesday after moving into the third round at the French Open by virtue of a self-described up-and-down performance in a 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-4 victory over 155th-ranked Jaume Antoni Munar Clar of Spain. Both of Djokovic's matches so far have been against qualifiers; neither win was particularly impressive.

"At the moment, I'm not playing at the level I wish to, but at the same time, I understand that it is the process that obviously takes time," said Djokovic, whose seeding of No. 20 is his lowest at a Slam in 12 years. "And I'm trying to not give up."

At least he got through in straight sets, saving energy for whatever might come next at Roland Garros. Other leading men were forced to work a lot harder in matches they would have been expected to breeze through: No. 2-seeded Alexander Zverev, No. 4 Grigor Dimitrov and No. 19 Kei Nishikori all faced two-sets-to-one deficits and all emerged to win Wednesday.

Zverev was down by a set and a break early—and down a racket he'd obliterated by then, too—before collecting himself and coming back to beat 60th-ranked Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 2-6, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Dimitrov was two points from defeat against 21-year-old American Jared Donaldson but won 6-7 (2), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8 in a marathon that lasted 4 hours, 19 minutes and featured a couple of underhand serves by the cramping Donaldson. Nishikori got past Benoit Paire of France 6-3, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

A reporter asked Zverev about what he told himself while trailing in order to turn his match around.

The 21-year-old German scoffed at the premise.

"I mean, you guys make it sound like we think about it, really. We don't. We just try to play and win each point, each game. Being two sets to one down is like being a set (behind) in a three-set match. We're not going to overthink it: `Oh, I'm two sets to one down. What am I going to do? How am I going to play the next point?"' he responded. "We try to play our best. We try to maybe change a few tactics and see how we can win the next point and the next game."

The lengths, if not quality, of those matches were what amounted to on-court intrigue on Day 4 at the clay-court major, because there really was little in the way of stunning outcomes. The only top-16-seeded man or woman who lost was No. 12 Sam Querrey of the U.S., and he's only once been as far as the third round in 12 appearances at Roland Garros.

Among the women, No. 1 Simona Halep shook off a slow start in a postponed first-round match to defeat Alison Riske of the U.S. 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, while second-round winners included reigning major champions Caroline Wozniacki and Sloane Stephens, along with No. 4 Elina Svitolina, No. 8 Petra Kvitova and No. 13 Madison Keys.

So perhaps the most meaningful moments around the grounds came inside the main interview room as Djokovic discussed his state of mind as he tries to regain his previous status in tennis.

He sat out the last half of 2017 because of a painful right elbow, tried to return in January, then decided to have an operation in February.

Djokovic arrived at Roland Garros with a 10-7 record this season. He was at .500 until showing signs of a resurgence by getting to the Italian Open semifinals on red clay before losing to 10-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal.

"Best practice that you can have is a match. I haven't had too many matches, and I really never thought that I'm going to be challenged in that way, mentally — that I need matches in order to get confidence. But obviously I'm learning something new, and, yeah, that's the case," said Djokovic, who hasn't won a Grand Slam title since claiming his fourth in a row at the 2016 French Open.

"At times, I do lose maybe a comfort level on the court and confidence, and that's something that I'm still building gradually, obviously," he continued. "The more matches I play, the better it is. The more I win, of course, the better it is. Hopefully that can keep going."

# Tigers score 5 after Ohtani's departure, beat Angels

**DETROIT** (AP)—Shohei Ohtani was rolling along for five innings against the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night. However, thanks to two rain delays, that's all the Los Angeles Angels got from their young star.

With Ohtani out of the game, Jose Iglesias' two-run single keyed a five-run sixth inning and the Tigers went on to a 6-1 victory.

Ohtani, starting for the first time since May 20th, allowed one run and three hits in five innings. He walked three and struck out five while throwing 83 pitches, including a 101-mph fastball on his final pitch.

"I was ready to go back out there (after the second delay), but the medical staff said it wasn't a good idea," he said through a translator. "This is my first time experiencing something like this, so I had to listen."

Ohtani gave up a run in the first inning on two walks and a two-out single, and settled down after that.

"It might have been the humidity -- I was sweating, so I thought I was ready, but I guess not," he said. "I saw 91 on the board, and I knew something was wrong. I haven't thrown a 91 (mph) fastball since high school."

Detroit's Nicholas Castellanos went 2 for 3 with two doubles against Ohtani, but was still impressed.

"He's got a powerful arm and good stuff," he said. "He was already throwing hard, but he hit 101 to Jeimar (Candelario) in a big spot in the fifth. Not a lot of guys can do that."

Tigers starter Mike Fiers was also knocked out by the second rain delay in the top of the sixth, allowing one run and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings.

The Tigers quickly took the lead in the bottom of the sixth, loading the bases against Cam Bedrosian (1-1) on a single, a walk and a hit by pitch. Greyson Greiner struck out, but Iglesias lined a two-run single to center to put Detroit ahead 3-1. Dixon Machado grounded to short, but Andrelton Simmons' throw to the plate was too late to get JaCoby Jones.

Leonys Martin and Castellanos followed with RBI singles off Jim Johnson to push the lead to 6-1.

"This is a big win for us, because we've won two out of three against a really good team," Castellanos said. "Now we can go for the series win tomorrow."

### Yankees 5, Astros 3

In New York, Luis Severino struck out 11 in seven overpowering innings, beating longtime Yankees nemesis Dallas Keuchel for the second time this year.

Gary Sanchez snapped an 0-for-19 slump with a two-run single and the Yankees took two of three from the reigning World Series champions this week to win the season series 5-2.

### Nationals 2, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Max Scherzer pitched eight innings of two-hit ball to earn his eighth consecutive victory, Bryce Harper hit his 18th homer and the Nationals finished a three-game series sweep.

### Pirates 2, Cubs 1

In Pittsburgh, Joe Musgrove pitched seven strong innings for Pittsburgh, and his hard slide led to both teams emptying their benches in another tense moment in the series between NL Central rivals.

### Indians 9, White Sox 1

In Cleveland, Corey Kluber pitched six shutout innings and reached eight victories before any AL pitcher as Cleveland rolled to its fifth straight win.

### Brewers 3, Cardinals 2

In Milwaukee, Alex Reyes pitched four scoreless innings for St. Louis in his return from Tommy John surgery, but Orlando Arcia hit a tiebreaking RBI single in Milwaukee's two-run seventh

### Red Sox 6, Blue Jays 4

In Boston, J.D. Martinez hit a tiebreaking two-run homer over the Green Monster, and the Red Sox completed a three-game series sweep.

### Mets 4, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Brandon Nimmo and Adrian Gonzalez each drove in two runs, leading the Mets to a sorely needed victory.

Jason Vargas (2-3) pitched five scoreless innings for New York, which had lost seven of nine.

### Royals 11, Twins 8

In Kansas City, Mike Moustakas and Jorge Soler homered, powering Kansas City to the win.

Moustakas drove in four runs. Soler had four hits for the Royals, who led 9-0 after two innings.

### Giants 7, Rockies 4

In Denver, Brandon Crawford kept up his May hitting surge by lining a pair of singles, Gorkys Hernandez had a diving catch in center field to thwart a rally, and the Giants avoided being swept.

### Reds 7, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Adam Duvall's grand slam erased an early four-run deficit, and Cincinnati rallied for the victory.

Sal Romano (3-6) pitched five innings in his first win since May 4, and Raisel Iglesias got four outs for his ninth save.

# Warriors, Cavs earn 4th straight finals the hard way

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—Cleveland and Golden State were stressed and stretched to their limits in the conference finals this time around, leaving little time to recoup and prepare for their latest showdown in the NBA Finals.

"Splintered" is how Stephen Curry described what he feared could happen in the second quarter of Game 7 at Houston, with the Warriors pushed to the brink by the Rockets.

So, Golden State held a serious team chat and got it together at last. LeBron James willed his Cavaliers back to the big stage with another spectacular performance against Boston.

"It was a special moment for us. And I think one that we'll look back, if we get the job done over these next two weeks, where, again, as an appreciation of all that goes into winning a championship," Curry said Wednesday, "and doing it by committee and making sure every guy, whether you're playing well or not, or things are going your way or not, that we all bring something to the fold that have gotten us to four straight Finals.

"And we've done it by appreciating everybody that's a part of that group. I think that two and a half minutes was a special moment for us, and it should give us great momentum going into the series."

Now, James and the Cavs and Curry and the defending champions find themselves in familiar territory, facing off in a fourth straight NBA Finals—just with far less prep time after each team played furious Game 7s on the road to get back here.

AP

Boston Celtics forward Marcus Morris, right, tries to slow Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James as he drives to the basket during the second half in Game 7 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Sunday, May 27, 2018, in Boston.

Cavs-W's, Act IV is a little bit different, indeed. Game 1 is Thursday night at Oracle Arena.

King James stands in the way of a Warriors repeat, just as he did in spoiling that quest for Golden State and leading the Cavs to a championship two years ago with a Game 7 win on the Warriors' home court, where they have currently won 17 of the last 18 postseason games.

James never counted out Golden State.

"Just going against the Warriors in the last three years in the Finals, I kind of figured or thought that they could get it done," he said. "Just because of the 18 of a possible 21 Finals games that I've played against them in the last three years, I figured out that they could make it happen."

James isn't ready to make any bold predictions about how great he might be in his eighth straight Finals.

Yet the way he prepares, there's no doubt in his mind he will be ready when the ball tips.

"The level that I can play at is to be seen, but the level that I put into the game and put into my craft is who I am," James said. "So numbers and things like that kind of take care of itself. But for me, I understand and I know how much I put into the game. So everything else is OK."

## *Position-by-position matchups*

A position-by-position look at the matchups in the NBA Finals between the Golden State Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers:

**CENTER:** Kevon Looney vs. Tristan Thompson. An afterthought much of the season, Thompson rejoined the Cleveland rotation in the playoffs and has provided the Cavaliers with 6.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. Warriors coach Steve Kerr went with Looney against Houston but could go a number of ways in this series, with JaVale McGee, Zaza Pachulia and Jordan Bell among his options. And of course, the Warriors are at their best when they go with none of the above, using Draymond Green as the center in a small-ball lineup. Edge: Warriors.

**POWER FORWARD:** Draymond Green vs. Kevin Love or Jeff Green. The Cavaliers are hoping Love can return after the All-Star missed Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals because of a concussion. Jeff Green started in his place and scored 19 points in the victory in Boston. Neither player can match the all-around production the Warriors get from Draymond Green, with his defense, rebounding and passing. All he has to do is keep his emotions in check. Edge: Warriors.

**SMALL FORWARD:** Kevin Durant vs. LeBron James. Durant was last year's NBA Finals MVP, is the No. 3 scorer by average among players who have played at least 10 finals games (32.9 points), and still might be the second-best forward in this series. That's how good James remains at 33, as he proved while averaging 34 points, 9.2 rebounds and 8.8 assists in the Eastern Conference playoffs. In his eighth straight NBA Finals, he probably needs to produce numbers like that in every game to give the Cavaliers any chance. Edge: Cavaliers.

**SHOOTING GUARD:** Klay Thompson vs. J.R. Smith. The Warriors might not even be here without Thompson's clutch performance in Game 6 of the West finals against Houston. He can heat up in a hurry from the outside, and as an added benefit no longer has to spend so much energy defending Kyrie Irving as he did so often in the last two NBA Finals. Smith can also heat up, but can also be prone to prolonged bad streaks and losses of concentration, and the Warriors feast on those. Edge: Warriors.

**POINT GUARD:** Stephen Curry vs. George Hill. Injured to start the postseason, Curry showed just how explosive he and the Warriors remain with some big third quarters in the West finals. There were questions as he struggled earlier in that series if he still wasn't fully healthy, but he sure looked good enough at the end. Hill is a steady veteran and the most productive of the four players the Cavaliers acquired at the trade deadline, but like a lot of Cavaliers will be at a speed disadvantage in this series. Edge: Warriors.

**RESERVES:** Andre Iguodala, Shaun Livingston, Nick Young, McGee, Bell, David West, Pachulia, Quinn Cook and Patrick McCaw vs. Kyle Korver, Jeff Green, Jordan Clarkson, Larry Nance Jr., Rodney Hood, Jose Calderon and Cedi Osman. Iguodala's health looms as the biggest question entering the series after he was sidelined for much of the West finals with a bone bruise in his leg. The 2015 NBA Finals MVP leads the defensive effort against James and is part of the Warriors' best lineup. Korver's shooting is a key off the Cleveland bench, but Clarkson, Nance and Hood have never become regularly reliable after being acquired in February. Edge: Warriors.

**COACHES:** Steve Kerr vs. Tyronn Lue. This was a challenging season for both. Lue stepped away from his team for a while for health reasons, as Kerr had to do during the last two seasons. Kerr acknowledged the struggles of keeping his team motivated this season, even letting the players coach themselves in timeouts during one game. Both coaches pushed the right buttons when their teams were pushed to the brink in earlier rounds, but Kerr just has more of them at his disposal. Edge: Warriors.

# Ol'Aces Real Deal downs Ol'Aces Extreme

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The Ol'Aces Real Deal defeated the Ol'Aces Extreme, 81-73, in last Tuesday's boys U18 division game in the 2018 Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Both teams played with a shorthanded roster, but the Ol'Aces Real Deal's key players were there to provide the needed baskets for the division-leading squad. Coby Santos fired 26 points to lead the Ol'Aces Real Deal' victory, while Chris Sacdalan, Dean Blake, and E.J. Abejo also finished in twin digits with 18, 12, and 11 respectively.

Santos drilled the Ol'Aces Real Deal's last 9 points in the first period and had a triple midway in that canto to hand his squad a 23-10 advantage.

The Ol'Aces Real Deal remained in control of the match in the second period before Ol'Aces Extreme threatened the former in the third after cutting the deficit to 4, 58-62. Duncan Laxa registered 14 points in the penultimate frame to bring the Ol'Aces Extreme back into the game.

Laxa was still on target in the fourth quarter, but drew little help from his teammates, allowing the Ol'Aces Real Deal to keep the lead and take the 8-point win.

Meanwhile, the Ol'Aces Extreme quickly recovered from the loss to the Ol'Aces Real Deal after pulling off a 49-48 victory over the 670 Sonics XVII last Wednesday.

Duncan Laxa and Carlos Elchico combined for 10 of the Ol'Aces Extreme's 12 points in the fourth quarter to withstand the 670 Sonics XVII 's comeback bid.

The Ol'Aces Extreme led by a baker's dozen after the third period, 37-24, but nearly dropped the game when Paulo Cadag anchored the 670 Sonics XVII 's rally in the final canto. Cadag scored 8 points in the payoff period, but failed to help the Sonics XVII steal the win when Laxa sealed it for Ol'Aces Extreme with his pair of free throws.

Laxa earlier made two baskets in the fourth quarter, while Elchico drilled the Ol'Aces Extreme's last field goal and had 4 points in that canto.

# Portugal tries to repeat Euro success in Russia

In this undated file photo, Portugal's Pepe goes up for a header in their game against Poland. AP

**PORTUGAL** (AP)—After finally breaking through with its first major title at the European Championship two years ago, Portugal will use the same formula at the World Cup.

The European champions will travel to Russia with many of the players from the squad that won Euro 2016, including Cristiano Ronaldo, and it will also carry the same low-key mentality it had when it succeeded in France.

"We are fully aware that we are not the favorites," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said. "History shows it, as do all the titles of the other teams that will be playing at the World Cup. Before the European Championship I also didn't believe we were the favorites."

Santos said Portugal can be considered a "candidate" for the title but it still shouldn't be included among the top contenders despite being European champions.

"We have the same three or four teams that were favorites in the European Championship—Germany, Spain, France—and now we add Brazil and Argentina. These teams are the favorites, then there is a group of candidates in which we can naturally include Portugal," he told Portuguese television channel RTP.

Portugal won its first major title in 2016—after coming close a few other times in the Ronaldo era—by avoiding all those traditional favorites until the final against host France, when it won in extra time. It played Hungary, Iceland and Austria in the group stage, then faced Croatia, Poland and Wales in the knockout matches.

Santos said this time he can make the same type of promise he made to the Portuguese people before the European Championship.

"We will give our best and we will be a contender to win every match," he said. "I have the same confidence in my players and in my team that I had before the European Championship. We will have the same goal now that we had then."

Nine of the players who started in the final against France are back with the World Cup team, with the only absences being veteran forward Nani and young midfielder Renato Sanches.

In total, 13 players from the Euro 2016 squad will be in Russia. Among those not going to Russia are Ricardo Carvalho, Andre Gomes and Eder, who scored the title-winning goal in the extra time against the hosts.

"It hurts not to be able to include all the players who were with us in the European Championship," said Santos, who opted to add a few younger players to the World Cup squad. "All of them helped us write a brilliant page in the history of Portuguese football."

Portugal began its World Cup preparations with a 2-2 draw against Tunisia on Monday, when it was without Ronaldo because he played with Real Madrid in the Champions League final on Saturday. All three Sporting Lisbon players in the squad also were not available because they played in the Portuguese Cup final.

"We are just beginning our World Cup preparations," Portugal midfielder Joao Mario said after the home draw against Tunisia. "We will keep working to fix our mistakes and arrive at the World Cup in the best possible form."

Portugal will play two more warm-up matches before the World Cup—against Belgium on Saturday and Algeria on June 7.

The team was drawn into Group B at the World Cup, along with Morocco, Iran and Iberian rival Spain. Portugal's opener will be against the Spaniards on June 15 in Sochi in one of the most anticipated matches of the tournament.

"It will be the game between the favorite and the candidate," Santos said. "We will need to be very careful in this group, but if Portugal doesn't advance it will be disappointing."

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Lampera and Ana Alvarez to advance to the finals.

In the men's doubles BB, Oh Im Bog and Hannah Choi came from the loser's bracket en route to topping the division. They knocked out Yun Zheng and Taeho Kim in the loser's bracket semis to get back at Chris Hilario and Patrick Fernandez, who had a twice-to-beat advantage. Choi and Oh went on to take the division title after a no-show from Fernandez in last Friday's finale.

Oh and Choi were awarded with trophies by Rob Harrel, executive director of customer operations for tournament sponsor IT&E. Trophies were also handed out to the other division champions, which include men's doubles AB's Nate Guerrero and Hilario, mixed AB's Arago and Windy Fernandez, mixed BB's Hilario and Fernandez, mixed CC's Vince Aquino and Emma Pinkerton, men's CC's Aquino and Chris Ching, and women's B's Windy Fernandez.

Arago and Patrick Fernandez got medals for placing second in the men's doubles AB, while other runners-up were mixed AB's Bandoja and Hannah Choi, mixed BB's Annette Ta and Bandoja, mixed CC's Timothy Choi and Zoey Zhang, men's doubles CC's Vipul Kapool and Bruce Yu, and women's B singles' Loida Ito.

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against Paire, 7-7.

Kanoa-2 recovered and avoided losing its last match after firing six goals in the second half. Krizel Tuazon drilled three goals in that period and finished with four, as she also recorded Kanoa-2's only goal in the first half. Ruschell Anna Valino registered a brace, while Therize Millare posted the other goal for Kanoa-2 in the second half.

Guine Borja had a pair of goals for Paire in the first half and their team was credited with an own goal for a 3-1 halftime lead. Borja added one in the second half, while Jerlyn Castillo tallied two, and Brittany Wally had one.

Paire finished the season at second place with its 4-1-3 slate, while Kanoa-2 was ranked third after logging a 3-2-3 card. Kanoa-2 wrapped up its campaign a week earlier and ruled Division A after earning a 7-1-0 mark.

### DIVISION B

### MPU-1 4, TanHoldings 3

Over at the Chacha Ocean-view Middle School Field, MP United-1 edged TanHoldings to stay on top of the field.

Julia Ishikawa made two goals, while Chiharu Sato and Coume Kaga added one each for MPU-1, which now has a 6-1-1 mark. Rizza Relucio got two goals, while Kaith Lynn Chavez scored for TanHoldings, which dropped to a 2-1-4 record.

### MY Pros 6, Shirley's 0

MY Pros is lurking behind MPU-1, as the latter improved its record to 5-1-2 following back-to-back wins over the weekend.

MY Pros first shut down Shirley's, 6-0, in a make-up game at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field last Saturday and then won via forfeit against MPU-2 at the Chacha pitch last Sunday.

Natali Hill and Sami Birmingham registered two goals apiece for MY Pros, while Manami Manglona and Jeane Bracket chipped in one each.

In the other scheduled match at Chacha, Shirley's was awarded the free win after a no-show from Paire.

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Fiji, Group B's Vanuatu, Samoa, and Tonga, and Group D's Kiribati, Tuvalu, the Cook Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

In the women's division, the CNMI is in Group B and got its first win from Lee, who whipped Papua New Guinea's Patricia Apisah, 6-0, 6-1. In the other singles game, Tuvalu's Alesi Molotii downed the CNMI's Isabel Heras, 6-2, 6-2, to help Oceania 2 stay in contention. Heras then redeemed herself in doubles play and handed the Commonwealth the win when she and Lee slipped past Apisah and Molotii in an extended game, 6-3, 5-7, 11-9.

Next up for Heras, Lee, and Conatsu Kaga are American Samoa. They will then be pitted against Tonga tomorrow for their last pool play.

There are only three groups in the women's team event with Vanuatu, Samoa, and Fiji entered in Group A and Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, FSM, and Oceania 1 in Group B.

In other results in the women's division, Vanuatu beat Fiji, 2-1; Cook Islands defeated the Solomon Islands, 2-1; and Oceania 1 shut down FSM, 3-0. American Samoa and Tonga were in a deadlock, 1-1, and results of the deciding doubles game were unavailable at press time.

# Marianas Bowl: CNMI Sharks vs Guam

**PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO**

A Guam player loses his balance after struggling against the CNMI Sharks' defense during the first quarter of their game in the Marianas Bowl held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

The CNMI Sharks' defense collapse on a Guam player.

The CNMI Sharks prepare for a snap.

The CNMI Sharks huddle before going for the second down.

The CNMI Sharks' Derrick Rangamar, 5, tries to free himself for a pass from quarterback Jerome Norita, not in the photo.

The CNMI Sharks quarterback Jerome Norita surveys the field before making the throw.

Guam sets up for a snap.

A Guam defender tries to hold down the CNMI Sharks' Kelvin Fitial.

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# CNMI sweeps opener in Fiji

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The CNMI Tennis Team stood out in the opening day of the Inaugural Nations Cup Pacific after beating Fiji and Oceania 2 yesterday in Fiji.

The Commonwealth's men's crew made up of Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, and Ji Min Woo swept the Fiji Development Men's Team, 3-0, while the Carol Lee-led CNMI women's squad outclassed Oceania Women's Combined 2, 2-1.

Song handed the CNMI its first win when he dominated Saurav Sharma in the second singles match, 6-1, 6-2. Schorr, on the other hand, played in the first singles tiff against Sebastian Tikaram and labored through a 7-5 victory in the first set before easing his way to a win in the second, 6-0, to seal the pool play triumph for the Commonwealth.

Song returned to Court 3 to team up with Woo and they also needed only two sets to down Sharma and Tikaram, 6-4, 6-2, and complete the sweep.

The CNMI is in Group C of the men's team competition, which also has Tahiti and Oceania Combined 1. Schorr and company will face Oceania Combined 1 today. The Top 2 teams after the pool play will advance to the playoffs.

Other squads entered in the men's field are Group A's Solomon Islands, American Samoa, and

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Ken Song makes a strong return to Robbie Schorr during a local tournament this season at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan courts. Both players are in Fiji and won their opening games in the Inaugural Nations Cup Pacific.

# 5 complete champions list in IT&E tournament

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Five more players made it to the winners circle of the IT&E Singles and Doubles Badminton Competition after topping their respective finals opponents last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

Ferdie Arago ruled the men's A singles division after overcoming Alex Nguyen's twice-to-beat advantage in the finals. Arago posted a 21-17, 21-16 victory in Game 1 and then completed the come-from-behind victory with a 21-18, 21-17 triumph in the deciding Game 2 last Friday.

The back-to-back wins over Nguyen made up for Arago's earlier loss to the former in the winner's brackets semifinals. After the defeat to Nguyen, Arago had to eliminate Gary Bandoja in the loser's group to get a second crack at his finals foe.

Meanwhile, the pair of Windy Fernandez and Jaja Bocago foiled the upset bid of Elna Curate and Angie Ito last Friday to place first in the women's doubles BB category. Ito and Curate outlasted their favored foes in three games in their first outing in the finals, while Bocago and Fernandez fought back in the decider, which was also played in three games.

Bocago and Fernandez and Curate and Ito also faced in the winner's bracket semis with the first pair prevailing to earn the twice-to-beat edge, while the eventual runners-up ousted Lucelle-

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From left, IT&E's Rob Harrell, men's A singles champion Ferdie Arago, runner-up Alex Nguyen, and Northern Marianas Badminton Association's Tommy Kim, and Cris Hilario pose for a photo after the awards presentation in the IT&E Singles and Doubles Badminton Competition 2018 last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.

# Strong finish for Shirley's FC

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Shirley's Football Club closed out its campaign in Division A of the 2018 Dove Spring Women's League on a high note after pounding TanHoldings FC, 9-1, last week at the TSL Sports Complex's artificial turf.

Katrina Costales led Shirley's demolition of TanHoldings after scoring four goals, while Mia Carreon and Jhaza Mirano contributed two each, and Lilian Podziewski chipped in one. Shirley's finished the season with back-to-back wins and ended up with a 3-0-5 win-draw-loss record for fourth place in the five-team field.

TanHoldings was last in the group with a 1-0-6 slate. Jenny Ann Capayas made the lone goal for TanHoldings in their final game of the season.

In the other Division A game, Kanoa-2 forced a draw

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TanHoldings Football Club and Shirley's FC players and the referees meet at the center court after an earlier Division A game in the 2018 Dove Spring Women's League at the TSL Sports Complex's artificial turf.